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OPELOUSAS:

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See professional card of Dr. E. T. Parker, in another column.

The pay car of the Morgan road passed up on last Wednesday morning to dispense the much needed shekels among its numerous employees.

See advertisement of "Auction" in another column, where Mr. S. P. Clark offers to sell out the contents of his carriage shop next Saturday, the 25th.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—Last Wednesday morning there was a change of schedule in the arrival and departure of the morning passenger train of the Morgan road. The train now reaches Opelousas at 11:47 o'clock a. m. The evening train now reaches here about 4 p. m.

The Morgan road will give three special Exposition excursions to New Orleans and return, at $3.50 for the round trip, trains leaving here at 7:21 a. m., as follows: First leaving to-day and returning Wednesday, 22d; second leaving Thursday, 23d, and returning Tuesday, 28th; third leaving Wednesday, 29th, and returning Saturday, May 2d.

IMMIGRANTS.—Two or three families of immigrants passed through town on Wednesday last and will settle in the western portion of our parish. Several families arrived per Morgan railroad last week destined for Faquetaique prairie. It is thought that there will be a heavy immigration to different portions of our parish, from the North and Northwest, during next fall and winter.

ROBBERY.—We learn that Mr. J. D. Bernard's store at Rayne was entered and robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of goods during one night of last week. One of the keys to his store was lost some time ago, and it is supposed that the thieves must have found it and effected an entrance by the missing key. Two or three parties have been arrested on suspicion, and we were informed that a part of the lost goods had been recovered.

MARRIAGE BELLS.—On last Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock a large number of friends and acquaintances assembled at the Catholic Church to witness the nuptials of Mr. A. D. Havard, of Big Cane, to Miss Sallie Littell, of Bayou Bœuf. At the appointed hour the happy couple, attended by seven bridesmaids and seven groomsmen, filed into the church and took their places before the chancel where the marriage rites were performed by the Rev. G. Raymond.

It was an interesting spectacle in every particular, and we join the many friends of these estimable young people in wishing them a long life of uninterrupted happiness, health and prosperity.

WAR NEWS.—England and Russia are still quarreling over the disputed line of the Afghan frontier. While the war spirit in both countries is pretty strong, neither party is in condition for a prolonged struggle. Russia has not the money, nor the requisite munitions of war, and England has too many irons in the fire to *brand* the Russian Bear well at this time. They may fight, but it would be an impolitic move on both sides. In the event of war, breadstuffs and meats would be high in the United States, and the price of cotton low, which would make it fall heavily on our Southern people. At any rate, it would be safer for our people to plant an ample quantity of corn and a less amount of cotton.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—On Tuesday of last week during the storm, a colored man by the name of Hartville Warner was struck by lightning in Prairie Plaisance, and remained unconscious for two days. At last accounts he was not expected to recover.

On the same evening a large stable was blown down on Dr. Barry's plantation in Bellevue, and several mules were more or less crippled by the falling timbers. It required considerable time and labor to remove the ruins from the bodies of the poor animals. The only wonder is that none of them were killed outright.

On the same evening the stable on Mr. Westlake's plantation was badly damaged, and a negro cabin blown down also, but the inmates, most fortunately, rushed out of the building just before it was capsized.

WEATHER AND FARM NOTES.—Since the storm on Tuesday of last week, clear and cool weather prevailed until Tuesday evening last, when the temperature moderated to the usual spring tide, with winds from south and east bearing clouds which indicate rain at an early day. During the cool nights apprehensions were felt about the young cotton plants, but the transition to warmer weather came in time to forestall any serious injury. Vegetation is now growing rapidly, and the most of our planters have began working their first planting of corn. Cotton planting has been general during the past week, and in a few days more all of the crop will be seeded. Our rice farmers also have been quite busy planting rice, and a large crop of this cereal may be expected this year, if the season should be favorable until it is mature.d.

Sleepless nights, made miserable by that terrible cough. Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you.

Fresh oatmeal, nutritious and cheap, at the Star Grocery.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cts.

PERSONAL.—On Monday last Mathew H. Peters, Esq., editor and proprietor of the Iroquois Times, Watseka, Ills., gave our office an agreeable call. He was here on a visit to his brother, Mr. Samuel Peters, whom he had not seen for many years.

In another column will be found a sketch of the remarkable history of the lives of these two brothers, copied from the New Orleans Times Democrat of April 13th. Mr. Peters informed us that the article was correct in every particular except in the statement that he was the postmaster of the town in which he lived. Mr. P. departed for his home in Illinois last Wednesday evening.

Capt. L S. Havard of Big Cane gave our office a pleasant call last Thursday.

Mr. Z. S. Fontenot, of Faquetaique, paid us a welcome visit Wednesday.

Messrs. Burns Lyons, R. T. Clark, and David M. Bull of Rayne, were in town Wednesday last.

Dr. Charles Mayer, son of Prof. R. Mayer, of Opelousas, was in town this week, visiting relatives whom he had not seen for years. The Dr. is now a resident of Illinois.

GEN. GRANT'S CONDITION.—From all the bulletins published in the metropolitan papers about Gen. Grant's condition for the past ten days, we are forced to the conclusion that his case is a very anomalous one in diagnosis and manifestations, or that his physicians have greatly exaggerated the symptoms of his disease for the sake of bringing themselves into prominent notoriety. They report Gen. Grant as being almost *in extremis* on one day, and the next he is walking about his room, taking nourishment well and conversing cheerfully with his friends and family. Although reported as suffering from insomnia, he is reported as sleeping very well for one suffering from the pain of a cancerous cough. From the fluctuating and doubtful tone of the daily bulletins of his health, we believe that Gen. Grant will live for many weeks yet, and may not die of cancer of the throat after all.

In an other column will be found an interesting article about the exhibition and trial of a decorticating machine at the Exposition a few days ago. As the jute and ramie plants grow well in Louisiana, the invention of economical machinery for preparing the fibre of these plants for the market will open a new and remunerative industry to our planters in the near future. It does not require half the labor to cultivate jute and ramie as required by the cotton plant, and the yield per acre of the fibre of the former is much greater than in the lint of the latter. Cotton will not be King much longer, if this decorticating machine proves to be a success in its work and economical in price.

General Notes.

It is said that the Mississippi river is lower at Vicksburg than it has been for the past thirty years.

Orders heve been sent to the French commanders in China, Gen. de Lisle and Admiral Courbet, to cease hostilities.

The Town Council of Lake Providence, La., has passed an ordinance prohibiting marble playing on the sidewalks.

Blind Tom has been placed under a guardian under a proceeding on an inquisition of idiocy held before court in Columbus, Ga.

Baton Rouge has now telephone communication with Port Allen and all principal points on both sides of the river to New Orleans.

The military arsenals all over Russia are being worked to their utmost capacity, preparing field and siege artillery, small arms and ammunition, for active service.

A New York speculator recently purchased 2200 acres of land in De Soto parish of Mr. McLaughlin, paying $1 75 an acre. He proposes establishing a colony of Eastern farmers.

News has reached Eagle Pass, Texas, of the discovery of another rich gold mine in the Santa Rosa Mountains, one hundred miles west of Santa Rosa, Mexico. The gold lies in quartz, and is very rich.

The first patent issued by the Register of the State Land Office to a lady under Act No. 93 was issued on the 9th inst., to Mrs Odile Guillaumin, of Ville Platte, St. Landry, the widow of a Confederate soldier.

One of the murderers of Mrs. Cole, of Plaquemine, which horrible crime was committed on the 27th of last January, in her house in Plaquemine, has, since his arrest, made a free and full confession of the crime. There were four of the murderers, three of whom are safely confined in jail.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for consumption, loss of appetite, dizziness, and all symptoms of dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle.

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School Books, at the Star Grocery.

A Remarkable History.

THE STORY OF TWO GERMAN ORPHANS OF NEW ORLEANS.

Saturday afternoon a middle-aged and substantial-looking gentleman stepped into the Times-Democrat office, and presented a card inscribed: "Mathew H. Peters, editor and publisher of the Iroquois Times, Watseka, Ill." He remarked that he dropped in merely as one of the craft, but being seated said New Orleans was his native place, but he had not been here since 1853. A conversation ensued, which developed a most interesting story.

In 1853 Mr. Peters was a lad of ten years. His father was a German, and lived with his family at the corner of Chippewa and Fourth streets, in a house of his own. The epidemic of that season swept away the lad's father and mother and two sisters, leaving himself and a younger brother alone in the world.

The recollection of this time is very indistinct in the mind of Mr. Peters, but he remembers being for some time an inmate of the Jackson Street Orphan Asylum with his brother. He left there, his brother remaining, to become the apprentice of a tailor named Philip Scheib, on Tchoupitoulas, between Fourth and Washington avenue. He soon ran away from the tailor and became

A GAMIN

of the streets, earning enough to make a living by picking coffee on the levee.

"While I was apprentice at Scheib's," he said, "I had heard him say that I had an aunt living in St. Louis or Louisville, I don't remember which, so, boy like, I determined to go and hunt for her, not even knowing her name, but feeling, of course, that I could find her without any trouble. I stood in with a cook on board the steamboat Glendale and got a berth.

"I left New Orleans on board the Glendale in 1854, and have never been back since. I got off at Cincinnati and lived in Ohio for years, educating myself in English to the best of my ability by the light of a lime kiln which I attended.

When the war broke out I entered the Union army as a private and rose to be

MAJOR OF MY REGIMENT.

After the war I went to Illinois and was in 1879 elected to the Illinois Senate on a Democrat-Greenback ticket from a Republican District. I now am what my card says, owning my own newspaper and the house in which it is printed, and am postmaster of the town in which I live, notwithstanding the fact that I am still and always was a Democrat.

"Shortly after the war there was an excursion to the Northwest of Union sympathizers from the South. Among these I saw in a Chicago newspaper the name of E. Heisand, of New Orleans. I don't know how it was, but I at once remembered this name. I had seen, when wandering a homeless, friedless boy through the streets of New Orleans, a sign bearing the name E. Heisand, German advocate. I had never thought about the name since, but, as such things so often happen, it stuck in my mind. I wrote to Heisand, inquiring if he knew any thing about me, or what had become of

MY BROTHER.

I got a letter—in 1869 I believe this was—telling me that my brother had gone from New Orleans to Opelousas. I wrote to Opelousas and learned that my brother Samuel was then in Texas, but would be back. Some time afterward I heard from him and some time after that he visited me in Illinois. In

COMPARING OUR LIVES

we found some singular coincidences and some still more singular divergences. I had served in the Union army, and had been wounded in the right leg. My brother had served in the Confederate army, and also received a wound in the right leg. At the time of my father's death I spoke and wrote German well, but I have now forgotten it almost entirely. For instance, I looked up old man Scheib to-day, and found him still living, very old and childish, at his present residence, corner of Bienville and Broad streets. He to-day showed me a letter in German, dated in 1854, from Ohio, and signed by me. I had almost forgotten that I had written to him after running away from New Orleans. But the singular thing about it is that I could not read the letter, though it was well written and in fair German, I presume, from the good appearance of the composition.

"My brother, on the contrary, when I met him could speak little of even English and less of German. He had become among the Creoles of St. Landry a complete Frenchman, and did not know that he was of German origin. My father wrote his name 'Peter,' but my brother had added an 's,' making himself 'Peters.' Singularly enough, I had done the same thing, and continue to do so as you see by my card.

"I am now on my way to Opelousas to return my brother's visit, but have stopped over in New Orleans to try and find out something about myself. I found old man Scheib, as I told you, and after I refreshed his memory, he recalled the fact of my apprenticeship. I went down to the Civil District Court, and searched the

OLD RECORDS.

"I discovered that one Francis Pfeiffer had been made guardian—a tutor, as you call it here—to myself and brother, and an order of court for the sale of my father's house. The record shows that it was appraised at $1,000, and the record of the sale shows that it was sold for $1,100. I also went to the

LAFAYETTE STREET CEMETERY

and found the record of my father's burial. In contradiction of the court records, those of the cemetery assert that my father was buried as a pauper. I cannot reconcile the contradiction, and have no idea what became of the $1,100. I shall not trouble myself, however, to investigate what became of it. In the record-room of the Civil Court I found a man by the name of Don Gordon, a clerk there. I got talking to him and found that I used to play with him in the streets of the Fourth District. He also told me of another playmate I remember, a man by the name of Bob. Morris. I am going up town now to see if anybody remembers anything about me, and to-morrow I am going on to Opelousas to see my French brother. I don't know what part of Germany my father came from, but have an indistinct impression that he was an Alsatian by birth. No, I have never found my aunt whom I started out to look for."

An Answer Wanted

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That hacking cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it.

Proceedings of the Police Jury.

OPELOUSAS, April 13th, 1885.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment. Present:

Messrs. Albert Guidry, president, A. Perrodin, S. W. W. Taylor, E. Dubuisson, S. Haas, Louis Young, T. C. Chacheré, D. P. Saizan and B. E. Clark.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

A petition from the residents of Coulée Croche was read, asking that the public road at Joseph C. Bourque's be changed so as to run between his land and that of Joseph Bloch. Granted, provided the change is made in accordance with section 9 of Road Ordinance.

A petition from the residents of Ville Plate was read, asking that Oneal Tate be authorized to change that part of the Bayou Bœuf and Ville Plate road which runs across his land, so as to run between his land and the lands of Mrs. Pierre Vidrine and those of Philip Lafleur. Granted, the change to be made according to sec. 9 of Road Ordinance.

A petition from the residents of Mermentau was read, asking that the road overseer on the road from Mouton's Point to the Mermentau depot be instructed to remove immediately, or cause to be removed, all obstructions on said road, when on motion it was resolved that the road overseer on the public road from Mouton's Point to Mermentau depot be and is hereby instructed to have all obstructions on said road removed immediately, as the law directs.

A petition from Jesse Young was read, asking that he be authorized to change the public road which runs across his place, so as to run around his land. Granted, the change to be made in accordance with section 9 of Road Ordinance.

Messrs. Mark Lazaro, Christoval Tate and Arécius Fontenot were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost to build a bridge over the gully known as J. L. Fontenot gully—and report.

Messrs. J. J Landreneau, Eucharistе Fontenot and Joseph E. Buller were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of building a bridge over Bayou des Cannes, on road from Ville Plate to Nez-Piqué, and to select a site for building said bridge, at or near Mr. Manuel's place, and report.

Messrs. Sebastien Chomont, Cyprien Frugé and Homere Durio were appointed a committee to ascertain cost of building a bridge over Bayou Nez-Piqué on road from Mamouth to Prairie Soileau, at Ernest Frugé, and report.

Messrs. Melon Doucet, Theod. Flesh, Achille Doucet, M. Pousson, Dr. F M. Condon, Pierre Hébert and Wm. Reed were appointed a committee to lay out, according to law, a road from bridge on Long Point to Christophe Gantt's Ferry on Bayou des Cannes.

The committee appointed to cut a canal to drain the pond in Taylor's lake, reported that the work had been completed to their satisfaction by Mr. D. Durio for the sum of $126.80, and recommended that the balance of the appropriation of $150.00, say $23.20, be allowed said Durio to repair other parts of said lane.

Mr. Perrodin moves that the report be accepted. Mr. Young moves to amend the motion of Mr. Perrodin, to accept the report only for the amount expended, say $126.80; carried. All voting for, except Mr. Perrodin. Accordingly the amount of $126.80 was ordered placed to the credit of Mr. D. Durio, and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to repair the crevasse at Garrigue bridge, reported that the contract was sold to U. T. Blackshear for the sum of $125.00, and the work was accepted, when, on motion, the sum of $125.00 was ordered placed to the credit of U. T. Blackshear, and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to sell the contract to build the bridge at Pointe Don Manuel reported that the contract was sold to Rene L. Dossman for the sum of $125.00, and that the work was accepted by them; when, on motion the report was accepted, said amount of $125 placed to the credit of Rene L. Dossman, and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to sell the contract to build the bridge on Bayou Courtableau at Taylor Ferry, reported that said contract could not be sold for the amount appropriated, viz: $3000, and asked for an additional appropriation of $650; when on motion, it was resolved that the additional sum of $650 asked for be and is hereby appropriated, payable out of funds of 1887 for internal improvements.

The committee appointed to sell the contract to repair Webb's bridge reported that they sold the contract to W. W. Clayton and Thomas Laughlin for the sum of $66.50, and that the work was accepted by them; when, on motion the report was accepted, the sum of $66.50 placed to the credit of Clayton and Laughlin, and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to dig a canal to drain the Washington and Opelousas road at the old Hollier place reported that the work was done and accepted by them at a cost of $200 more and above the sums appropriated by the parish and private contributions, and ask for an additional appropriation of $200.

On motion it was resolved that the report be accepted, and that an additional appropriation of $200 be and is hereby made and payable out of funds of 1886; all voting for—Mr. Young absent.

To the Honorable the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

Gentlemen—The undersigned your committee appointed by your Honorable body at its special meeting held on the second (2d) of the present month (March), of this year 1885, for the purpose of ascertaining "where a public road can be laid out, leading from De Baillon's bridge to Nicholas Gully, and also the damages if any and report accordingly," beg leave to report:

That on the thirteenth day of March A. D., one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, they met at De Baillon's bridge, the eastern terminus of the road necessary to be laid out, as per the resolution of your Honorable body appointing said committee (a committee of seven freeholders of this Parish) and after taking the oath prescribed by Section three (3) of the Road Ordinance of this said parish, in such cases made and provided, and after notifying Mrs. Aimeé De Baillon through Dr. Louis De Baillon, her agent, and consultation with Mr. Armile Lafleur, who had come to represent the interests of his brother, Ulysse Lafleur, who could not appear personlly on account of illness, said Mrs. Aimeé De Baillon and Ulysse Lafleur, being the only proprietors of lands in the neighborhood, where said road was to be laid out, or location thereof ascertained, and having secured the services of George O. Elms Esq., an old and experienced surveyor, they carefully examined the grounds and concluded to recommend that the road be recognized and accepted by your honorable body, as per plat of survey hereto annexed, to wit: Starting a few feet south of the western end of De Baillon's bridge, where they put a stake, to proceed north 1¾ west 15 chains and seventy-five links to a post on top of the hill, seventeen feet south of a ditch dug by Ulysse Lafleur. That portion of the road would thus be entirely on the land of Mrs. DeBaillon (Aimée); thence north 63 degrees and 38 minutes west, one hundred and four chains and eighty links.

The latter portion of the road would thus be twenty-nine (29) feet wide; seventeen feet of which are claimed by Ulysse Lafleur, and twelve feet on Mrs. Aimeé DeBaillon's land.

This would leave a strip between the old public road at one end, and the line claimed by Mrs. Aimeé Debaillon, at the other end, to the ditch dug by Ulysse Lafleur, of one chain and fifty-eight links. Said ditch dug by the said Ulysse Lafleur would be the north side of said road.

The said strip of land of one chain and fifty-eight links wide by one hundred and four chains and eighty links long, upon a portion of which was the old road, is claimed by both Mrs. Aimeé DeBaillon and Ulysse Lafleur, through their aforesaid agents, also the seventeen feet of the public road thus laid, (or proposed) lying south of said ditch dug by Ulysse Lafleur.

We understand that the aforesaid claim to said strip of land is, or will soon be in litigation. Owing to the aforementioned difficulties together with the fact that the public is actually without any road in that locality, the old road being partially within the enclosures of the said Ulysse Lafleur, and recognizing the immediate want of a road where considerable travelling has to take place daily, we propose the location of a road as above explained.

Now in consideration of the possibility of Mrs. Aimeé DeBaillon to prove her title to the strip of land aforesaid, we have deemed it our duty to assess the damages that would be sustained by her in that event. As by our action she would have about twenty-five arpents of land (including the present proposed road) between her line, established by the laying out of the road as aforesaid, and the line she claims, we have thought the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars a moderate compensation for her loss, and have and by these presents do hereby assess the damages to that sum. Said sum of one hundred and fifty dallars to be paid her only from the time she proves her title in a satisfactory manner, such as a judgment of Court. The said sum would be paid her, and her said title would revert to the Parish, for the use of the public. The parish would then own land enough there to permanently secure a passage to the travelling public.

In case of Mrs. Aimée DeBaillon failing to prove a good title to said land in dispute, and not be entitled to the damages herein assessed as aforesaid, your committee cannot fail to recognize her undisputed title to twelve feet wide of said proposed road, making on the length thereof (104 chains and 80 links) two arpents and twenty-three hundredths of an arpent of land, of which she is unjustly deprived by this our action, as, by leaving the old road where it was originally, she was exempt from this contribution to the convenience of the public. Your committee therefore have and do by these presents assess her damages in the premises to twenty-five dollars ($25.00). Said sum to be paid only in case she would fail to prove her right to the one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) assessed as above.

The action of your committee was submitted to the said Dr. Louis DeBallion, and Armile Lafleur, agents as aforesaid who were constantly present, and on frequent occasions ventured to offer reasonable suggestions, and they signified their willingness to accept for Mrs. Aimeé DeBaillon, and Ulysse Lafleur, the action of your said committee as finally settleing the location of said road, the damages etc. Mr. Ulysse Lafleur on no condition to claim damages.

In testimony whereof we have signed the same day, month and year, first above written (the 13th day of March, 1885), together with the said Dr. Louis DeBaillon, and Armile Lafleur, after due reading of the whole, asking your concurrence in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] T. S. Fonteuot, J. Ludean, Onézime B. Fontenot, Apollonius B. Fontenot, Gustave LeBrex, Gustave B. Fontenot, Jean Torné, L. Debaillon, agt., Emile Lafleur, agt.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

LONG POINT, ST. LANDRY, LA., April 11th, 1885.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury, Parish St. Landry.

Gentlemen—We the undersigned Committee, report the following Public Roads:

From Cole's Gully to Long Point bridge, and from Webb's bridge to Long Point bridge laid out thus: 1st Road starts at Cole's Gully bridge and runs due west on ¼ section line of sections 27, 28 and 29, after striking D. B. Lyons' land on the north side of the ¼ line, running due north on ¼ section line ½ mile, thence due west ¼ mile, thence due south ½ mile, thence on straight line to Long Point bridge. 2nd Road starts at Webb's bridge, comes out of woods on T. S. line of 8 and 9, at Jesse Laughlin's south-east corner and runs on a straight line to Long Point bridge, passing on the south side of R. B. Sloane's residence, following the south line of D. B. Lyons' pasture and on straight line to Long Point bridge. We have laid out the above roads for the most convenient of public travel. We did not run the road 2nd mentioned on section lines as there is plenty of open land where it passes.

We therefore submit to your Honerble body this report and ask the acceptance of the same and the discharge of your committee.

[Signed] R. B. Sloane, Wm. Reily, W. A. Higginbotham, Uriah Greene, Isaac Hayes, John Davis, D. B. Lyons.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee diicharged.

A copy of the report of the grand jury was presented by the clerk of the court, which was considered and ordered filed.

The tax collector is hereby instructed to reimburse to Mr. William Fish, of Calcasieu parish, the parish taxes collected from him on his property erroneously assessed on the roll for this parish, for the years 1881 to 1884 inclusive, amounting to $14.40, and likewise to Mr. J. K. Miley in the sum of $7.50.

Two petitions from citizens of Plaisance and neighborhood of Bayou Carron asking to be protected by the hog law were read and ordered laid over until the next meeting of the Police Jury.

Arthur Simón, J. P. 1st Ward, reported that in accordance with an ordinance of the Police Jury and by virtue of an order of his court, a certain spotted red and white ox, owner unknown, was sold to satisfy damages caused by said animal; the expenses were more than the ox was sold for.

On representations made by Théogène E. Richard, road overseer, that the natural drain on the road from Opelousas to Boudreau's bridge had been stopped by one Alcide Fairfax, it was resolved that he is hereby instructed to cause said Fairfax to remove immediately all obstructions placed by him on said road, and in case the said Fairfax does not immediately comply with this order of the Police Jury, then the road overseer is directed to have the order executed in accordance with the resolution of the Police Jury.

Messrs. Denis Lajac, Onile Lafleur, Jean Bte. Janis, Onézime B. Fontenot, Raymond Chapman, Louis Young and Léon Démoruelle were appointed a committee for the purpose of ascertaining the damages in favor of Prosper Daire and Oscar Dardeau, to indemnify them for the running of a public road between their lands, according to a report filed on the 23rd of December last.

On motion it was resolved, that $1.373 thirteen hundred and seventy-three dollars, having been collected from the appropriation of 1884, to be equally divided between the nine Police Jury wards of the Parish, for the exclusive purpose of repairing and building school houses, that the Clerk be instructed to notify the President and members of the School board of the above fact, and to notify them that the said money is in the hands of the school treasurer, subject to be distributed as above stated, and to be warranted against by a committee of (three) 3 to be appointed by each member of the Police Jury for their respective ward.

The Police Jury adjourned until Tuesday, the 14th at 9 a. m.

ALBERT GUIDRY, Prest.

Attest: P. J. LEFEBVRE, Clerk.

JURY LIST.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

Be it known that we, the undersigned members of the Jury Commission, did, on this the 31st day of March, A. D. 1885, meet at the Clerk's office in the town of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, for the purpose of drawing a special Venir of 15 (fifteen) jurors as provided by Act No. 35 of 1880, to attend for the week beginning Monday, May 25th 1885, for the trial of criminal cases as provided by said Act, James J. Thompson, one of the said members, drew from the General Venire box, wherein a list of names had been inserted, one at a time, the names of the following fifteen persons to compose the Special Venire for the week beginning Monday, May 25, 1885, for the trial of criminal cases as provided by aforesaid Act No. 35 of 1880, a list of whom was then and there kept by the Clerk of said Court, James O. Chacheré; and we the Clerk and commissioners did then and there place the names drawn as aforesaid for the said week beginning as aforesaid on the 25th day of May 1885, in an envelope, and sealed and endorsed the same, which said envelope containing said names was then and there placed in a jury box provided for the purpose, which was locked and sealed by us, and placed in the custody of the clerk of the court for use at said term as special venire.

1 John Stewart.....Lower Plaquemine
2 Paul Fremeaux.....Mermentow
3 George T. Moore ...Plaquemine Ridge
4 François Comeau.....Coulée Croche
5 Henry E. Estorge.....Opelousas
6 Dorcinus Lafleur.....Chataignier
7 T. S. Bailey.....near Opelousas
8 Olivier Lafleur.....Ville Plate Prairie
9 Leon Lavergne.....Bellevue
10 Louis P. Louallier.....Opelousas
11 Michel Robin.....Bayou Teche
12 Homère David.....Church Point
13 François Hollier.....near Opelousas
14 Johnson Marsh.....Washington
15 Hampton Rambert.....Washington

In testimony whereof we hereunto sign this 31st day of March, A. D., 1885.

{SEAL} J. J. THOMPSON, W. G. BELL, ROB. CHACHERE, } Com.
JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,

I hereby certify that the foregoing list of jurors was duly recorded in Book No. 1 of Jury Record, at pages 71 and 72, this 31st day of March, A. D. 1885.

B. MARTEL, Dy Clerk

A true copy:
{SEAL} B. F. MEGINLEY, Deputy Clerk, 13th Judl. Dist. of La.
April 11, 1885.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

WHEREAS, a petition has been addressed to me, by citizens and legal voters of Township number nine (9), South Range two (2) West, in the parish of St. Landry, asking that the sixteenth (16) Section (school lands) of said Township and Range be sold according to law.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all the citizens and legal voters residing in said Township, that an election shall be held before Savinien Cart, Justice of the Peace, on Wednesday the 13th day of May, 1885, at the residence of Jack Wilson, a resident of said Township, for the purpose of taking the sense of the inhabitants of said Township as to whether the said sixteenth Section above referred to shall be sold, or not, in pursuance with the laws providing therefor.

The polls shall be open from eight o'clock a. m. until four o'clock p. m.

W. A. ROBERTSON,
April 11, 1885. Parish Treasurer.

DR. E. T. PARKER,

HAS permanently located in Opelousas and offers his professional services to the citizens of this town and vicinity. All calls promptly answered, day or night.

Office and residence on Landry street, late residence of Judge Garrigues.

Opelousas, April 11, 1885. [3m

AUCTION! AUCTION!

I WILL sell at public auction, on Saturday, April 25th, at my shop on Landry street, Opelousas, the following articles: 1 Hack; 1 Buggy; 1 Spring Wagon; 1 Hearse; 1 Sewing Machine, for leather; 1 Hub Boxing Machine; Hollow Augers, Tools of all kinds; my stock in the shop; a lot of hickory lumber; a lot of household furniture, and many other articles. Terms, cash.

S. P. CLARK.

Opelousas, April 11th 1885.—¾ t.

Taken up as an Estray,

BY the undersigned, in Prairie Basse, about April 1st, a dark brown creole horse, gentle in harness and under saddle, about 7 years old, branded on left shoulder—facsimile of brand to be seen at COURIER office. Has been in neighborhood since 1882.

The owner can get him by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

A. C. DEVILLIERS.

April 18th, 1885.

NOTICE.

THE next regular meeting of the Central St. Landry Protective Live-Stock Association will be held at the residence of the Secretary on the 1st Saturday of May, being the 2d day of that month. The meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN M. WARE,
April 18, 1885. Secretary.

MRS. M. E. COMBE,

ROOMS AND BOARD

IN THE GARDEN DISTRICT,

542 Carondelet, between Jackson and Philip Streets, New Orleans. ☞ Special rates for families. [Mrch 14-2m

S. L. ELAM,

Attorney & Counsellor at Law,

OPELOUSAS, LA.

Practices in the Federal and State Courts.

Special Attention Paid to Collections.

References:—Rev. T. J. Hough, Opelousas; H. & C. Newman, Jurey & Gillis, New Orleans, La. Dec. 27,-3m

LEONCE E. LITTELL,

CIVIL ENGINEER

—AND—

SURVEYOR

Office: With Perrodin & DuRoy,

23"] OPELOUSAS, LA.

Pens, Pencils, Ink, Stationery, Sealing Wax, Paper Fasteners, Ink and Pencil Erasers, Slates, School Books, School Bags, etc., at the Star Grocery.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Marie Alicia Petetin, vs. Maurice Pollingue.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13883

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. issued out of the 13th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the store house of Maurice Pollingue in the town of Grand Coteau, parish of St. Landry, on *SATURDAY*, the 18th day of April, 1885, at 11 A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

One lot of general merchandize composed of hardware, tinware, notions, &c., one iron safe, two pair scales, one lot of household furniture, composed of two washstands, one toilet, three armoirs, one safe, one writing desk, one dining table, twenty-six chairs, two rocking chairs, three clocks, one center table, one large toy-stand, two large looking glasses, one parlor lamp, two show cases, one hat rack, one carriage and harness, one hack and double harness, two American horses, one small house used as a storehouse near railroad depot, a lot of fencing composed of barbed wire, planks and posts.

Seized in the above entitled suit.

Terms—Cash. C. C. DUSON,
Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry.
April 4, 1885.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4568

ESTATE OF RAPHAEL RICHARD.

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 residence of Garland Peck, near Grand Coteau, in the parish of St. Landry, on *WEDNESDAY*, May 6th, 1885, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Raphael Richard, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

1 Four arpents of woodland situated near Bayou Carenero, with all the buildings and improvements, bounded north by lands of Mrs. Virginia McPherson, south by lands of Valsin Richard, west by lands formerly belonging to widow Dosité Léger, now to Chas. Eadland, and east by lands of Mrs. McPherson, being same property acquired of Jos. D. Richard on August 8th, 1883, recorded in Conveyance Book O. No. 2, page 164.

2 One creole horse, one side saddle, one lot household furniture, one tool chest, and lot of carpenter's tools, one gun, one pistol, &c.

Terms—Cash.

JULES RICHARD,
April 4, 1885. Administrator.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13861

A. Adler & Co. vs. Donat Pucheu.

District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13859

E. Feibleman & Son vs. Donat Pucheu.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. issued out of the 13th Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on *SATURDAY*, the 2d day of May, 1885, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain lot of ground situated in the town of Washington, St. Landry parish, La., containing one quarter arpent, more or less, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded on one side by property of Francis Trainor, on one side by property of Gérard Follain, on one side by Washington street, and on one side by Dupré street, being the same property bought by Donat Pucheu from Pierre Boyer on 25 July, 1876, by act passed before J. H. Millspaugh, Notary Public, and recorded in Alienation Book D, No. 2, page 219, Recorder's Office.

One show case, one cheese case, one pair of scales and weights and one sandy spotted sow.

Seized in the above entitled suits.

Terms—Cash.

C. C. DUSON,
March 28, 1885. Sheriff.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.

District Court, Parish St. Landry, No. 13898

Oliver H. Gentry & Co. vs. Their Creditors.

Take notice that by virtue of an order of the Honorable the District Court, and a commission to me directed, bearing date March 10, 1885, and issued in the above entitled and numbered suit, I will hold at my office in the town of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, La., beginning at 11 o'clock A. M., on Monday, April 20th, 1885, a meeting of the creditors of O. H. Gentry & Co., insolvents, for the purpose of obtaining their acceptance of said insolvents' cession of property, and for the purpose of deciding whether or not said insolvents should be granted a discharge, and for such other purposes as may be proper in the premises.

G. L. DUPRE,
March 14, 1885. Notary Public.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4612.

ESTATE OF HYPOLITE 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 administrator or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, in this parish, on *THURSDAY*, the 16th day of April, 1885, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Hypolite Pitre, deceased, late of St. Landry, to-wit:

One cow and calf, one three year old heifer, one work ox, two creole horses, one branding iron and its pretensions.

Terms—Cash.

CLEOPHAS ANDREPONT,
April 4, 1885. Administrator.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish St. Landry, No. 4194

ESTATE OF J. LEONARD ESTORGE.

Whereas, Jules Perrodin, of the parish of St. Landry