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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : : : MAY 2, 1885.

The best Tea in town at the Star Grocery.

Mr. Yves Vidrine, of Ville Plate, gave us a pleasant call last Tuesday. He reports crop prospects in his section quite promising.

PERSONAL.—Mr. R. J. C. Bull of Rayne, La., gave our office a call on Thursday morning last. He is in the real estate business and notary in that growing and wide-awake town.

Our genial friend, Tom P. Bowden, Esq., of Rayne, was also in town this week.

TO THE EXPOSITION.—Mr. P. S. Cummings, agent of the Morgan road, informed us that about one hundred persons went down on the excursion, on Wednesday morning last, to be present on Louisiana Day. About two hundred persons came down, from points above, on the same day, by the regular train. When the excursion train reached Franklin the number had swelled to five hundred, and before reaching the city must have been six hundred.

Tickets will be sold, until further notice, at Exposition rates, that is, $8.30 for the round trip, giving fifteen days in the city.

GEN. GRANT'S CONDITION. — All of the late bulletins announce a continued and decided improvement in Gen. Grant's health. He takes drives in the park daily and sometimes walks a short distance on the street. On the 26th of April, his 63rd anniversary, he received a great number of congratulations by telegraph from all sections of the country, which put the sick man in an unusually cheerful mood and gave him a new start in the recovery of his wonted health. In a few weeks the Grant family will go to the Catskill mountains for the benefit of fresh air, scenery, etc.

WEATHER AND FARM NOTES. — No rain has fallen here since last Sunday evening, but the frequent heavy showers of the preceding Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with Sunday's rain practically suspended all farm work until last Tuesday. In the meantime the grass and weeds grew wonderfully, and some of the farmers, who were tardy in cleaning their crops, or had heavy crops planted, are now having a straining time of it to clear their crops of grass, and nothing but hard work, and good weather, for the next few days will enable them to do so. If heavy rains set in again soon a good part of the corn and cotton will doubtless have to be abandoned to save and place in good condition the remainder. The industrious farmer, however, will make a desperate strggle before giving up any portion of his planted crops to the grass and weeds. His motto will be: "Work hard from early morn till dewy eve."

Stereoscopes, Views and other fancy goods at the Star Grocery.

Classification of States.

Kentucky used to be classified as a Southern State. A classification under the head of "the Mississippi States," said to be adopted in some modern school geographies, is not generally accepted. It is a curious arrangement at this late day which classes New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey among the "Middle States," and Ohio, Indiana and Illinois as "the West." The grouping proposed by the Census office is into North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Northern Central, Southern Central and Western States. Under this system Kentucky is among the Southern Central States. By this arrangement the Western States begin about the 194th degree of west longitude, Colorado being the easternmost of the Western States. The line of the Allegheny or Apalachian Mountains is the general divide between the South Atlantic and the Southern Central States. The southern boundary of Pennsylvania divides the North Atlantic from the South Atlantic States, and its western boundary is the line between North Atlantic and Southern Central.

Corn, Oats, Bran and Hay at the Star Grocery.

If the Democratic administration had accomplished nothing more, it would have done a great and beneficial work in emancipating the mind of the colored people from ignorance and prejudice. The whole people will be happier for it, and the nation will be more prosperous from the knowledge that the country's honor and the people's rights are safer under a Democratic than under a Republican administration.—New York World, Dem.

The great he Bear of the north is after Herst, but whether the he rat can be secured and digested is a question which the Lion of England will have something to say about. Intense excitement prevails on the subject throughout the entire European menagerie.—N. O. City Item.

Reminiscences of the Darbonne.

The arrival of the pleasant and beauteous month of May, with its balmy winds, clear and sunny days, and fragrant flowers, awakens in the hearts of all the disciples of Isaack Walton the desire to throw aside all work and seek the haunts of their favorite fishing resorts. In many places, more conveniently situated near good fishing waters, the rod and tackle, and camp fixtures, have already done good service, and veteran sportsmen seated around the typical camp fires, have added many stirring and stupendous experiences to the already large volume of *authentic* fish stories. With us, however, the grand rallying time for real and earnest sport is in the month of August, because at that time every one has more leisure, the bathing is more enjoyable, and after the first of that month those who are fond of hunting can also shoot deer. Until that month, fishing parties are spasmodical, last only for a day, and are confined to angling principally in the small bayous for "small fry," with an occasional trip to catch the noted caspergoo in the more pretentious stream—bayou Courtableau.

When the grand camp fires are to be lighted for a summer's campaign against the finny tribe, the crystal waters of the Darbonne are generally the head quarters of our sportsmen. There the fishing, hunting, and bathing surpass any other point in our parish. Already our sportsmen are canvassing their plans for the coming summer trips, and speculating as to the number and size of the trout and sacalait they expect to catch, and in fortifying their expectations relate some of the big catches they made during the past summer. Just here, we cannot omit to relate an episode that was related to us, a few days ago, as happening with a party of gentlemen on a fishing excursion, at the Darbonne, last summer. All of them were veterans who never fail to spend a few weeks, at that place, during the heated term in bathing and trout fishing. We shall omit the surnames of the parties in the joke, but many of our readers will readily recognzie the actors in this fish story.

Two of the party, Jo and Charley, prided themselves particularly on their skill for catching trout. Nobody could beat them with the bob, troll, or live bait. One bright morning, the two friends sallied forth, each in his own way, to win the honors of the day. About 11 o'clock they arrived in camp, when other members of the party gathered around to see which of the two were entitled to the championship. Charley and Jo, both with conscious pride, began to dump out their large mouthed beauties. It was excellent luck on both sides, in point of numbers, but Jo's trout were all large, and Charley's all small ones. Charley looked crestfallen and Jo was jubilant. "Well," said Charley, "I'll try you again to-morrow." "All right," responded Jo. The next morning, bright and early, Charley took his boy, Peter, along with him with the determination of winning. Peter was a pretty good angler himself, and during the morning, among others, landed a very large and handsome trout near by where Charley was catching small ones. "Hello, Peter," cried Charley, "come here." Peter obeyed the summons, and his eye beamed with joy at his unusual feat. "Now, Peter," quoth Charley, "here is a half dollar I will give you for this trout, and when we reach camp you must say that I caught it." Peter agreed to it and took the money. In due time the contesting fishermen met in camp and made a display of their day's success. Jo had his usual number of fine fish, and Charley a good number of small ones, except the large trout which he bought from Peter, and which proved to be the largest one that had been taken on the trip. Jo at once said: "Charley, you did not catch that large trout," and addressing Peter, asked him if he didn't catch that fish. Peter was so elated at his own luck that he made a full confession of the whole trick. A hearty laugh followed the disclosure, but the joke passed off in a pleasant and friendly manner. At night, Charley said to Jo: "I want you to tell me how in the d—l you manage to catch so many large trout!" Jo proceeded to instruct him, by telling him that he must go along the bank very carefully and quietly so as not to alarm the fish; that the large trout were very wary and could be easily frightened by shaking the bushes or stepping on dry branches along the shore. "The trouble, Charley, with you is that you make too much noise, and none but the small and inexperienced trout remain in your vicinity." The next morning Charley struck out to try Jo's plan in angling for trout, but he was not aware that Jo was following and watching his every movement. Finally he reached a bend in the river where the water was thickly studded with the large water-lily, a favorite covert and feeding place of this splendid game fish. Says Charley, talking to himself: "Well, Jo says I must do this way"—approaching on tip-toe and parting the bushes very carefully. "And Jo says I must do this way," as he unloosed his line, and noiselessly reached his pole over the intervening limbs that hung from the shore. "And Jo says I must do this way," as he manipulated his pole so as to make the bait tempt some striped beauty form its hiding place. Spat, spat, whiz, whiz, as a large trout struck his hook and surged through the waters. Landing him on the bank, Charley ejaculated: "Jo is right, by gosh! Why didn't I think of this before?" It is sufficient to say that pursuing Jo's advice through the morning he had splendid success; but Jo had another big laugh against Charley when he related to the crowd the manœuvres and soliloquy of Charley in carrying out his instructions. Charley indignantly denied talking to himself, but Jo affirmed that every word of it was literally true.

Ho, for the Darbonne next August, and Jo and Charley we know will be there.

A Visit to Mr. Davis.

A PARTY OF TEXANS MAKE AN EXCURSION TO BEAUVOIR.

N. O. Times-Democrat, April 24.

An impromptu excursion by some fifty or sixty citizens of Texas was organized and proceeded yesterday morning to Beauvoir on a visit to Mr. Jefferson Davis. The party was composed of the Governor of Texas, Hon. John Ireland, and his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Carpenter; ex-Gov. Frank R. Lubbock and wife, Commissioner to World's Exposition John F. Elliott, and also the following named ladies and gentlemen. * * *

Arrived at Beauvoir the special car was switched off from the regular train and left there for the excursionists. As the affair was to be a surprise to Mr. Davis, it was determined that Gov. Lubbock and Col. Elliott should proceed to Mr. Davis' home and notify him that the party would, after dining on the car, come to his home and pay their respects. This was done, and Mr. Davis expressed his regrets that he was not physically able to meet them at the station and escort the party back. Upon entering his hall, Gov. Lubbock and Col. Elliott introduced the several guests.

An hour was most delightfully passed about the halls, galleries and grounds, when all returned to the car charmed with the courteous treatment received. A pleasing incident occurred when Gov. Ireland, in a few happy remarks, announced the object of the visit, viz: "To see and shake hands with one of the grandest of statesmen, noblest of men and purest of patriots." To this Mr. Davis most feelingly responded in heartfelt thanks for the courtesy, and in his usual felicitous style, urging on all to be good and true citizens of our common country, to cherish sentiments worthy of citizens of republican government and genuine republican institutions, to see to it that these principles that are founded in justice be ever observed, that the truth be preserved in history, whether written for schools or the library, etc.

After this, music, vocal and instrumental, by Mrs. Jester and Mrs. Kouns, was rendered, with selections agreeable to Mr. Davis. That most elegant conversationalist, Mrs. Davis, charmed the entire company by her always brilliant and magnetic manner. The day, the excursion, and the visit, the excursionists unanimously say, are things long to be remembered.

Hon. Norman J. Coleman, Commissioner of Agriculture at Washington, has issued the following circular: "In view of the growth of the industry of silk culture in the United States, it has been thought advisable to establish stations for the purpose of experimenting in the reeling of raw silk. In order that these experiments may be properly carried out, arrangements have been made with certain persons for furnishing the supplies of cocoons that will be needed from time to time. They are: The Woman's Silk Culture Association of the United States, 1328 Chestnnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. Jules Herbelin, 194 Canal street, New Orleans, La. A station has also been established on the Pacific coast, under the direction of Mr. Charles Walcott Brooks, postoffice box 2154, San Francisco, Cal. It is therefore recommended that those who have cocoons to sell should address themselves to the persons above mentioned."

Fine Lamps, Chamber Sets, Feather Dusters, Splashers, Egg Beaters, Notions, etc., at the Star Grocery.

The Postmaster General has given notice that the new postal law, reducing the rate of postage, will go into effect on the 1st of June. The rate on letters will be two cents per ounce, or fraction thereof, instead of two cents per half ounce. The charge on newspapers, from offices of publication, will be one, instead of two cents per pound. —N. O. States.

Umbrellas, Whips, Spurs, Canes, etc., at the Star Grocery.

Following the fashion set by Mrs. Tom Thumb and Count Magri, those two atoms of humanity, Lucia Zarate and Gen. Mite, will shortly be wedded. Their combined weight is less than fourteen pounds.

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

Buy your candies at the Star Grocery.

School Books, at the Star Grocery.

Senator Gibson.

N. O. Picayune, April 29.

U. S. Senator R. L. Gibson arrived yesterday from Washington and expects to remain some time in the city. His quarters are at the St. Charles Hotel.

In conversation with a representative of the Picayune, the Senator said there was no fresh Washington news to impart, all events of importance being known all over the country as soon as they occured in the capital. Referring to political matters of interest here, he stated he had supported Senator Jonas for the Collectorship for various good reasons. Mr. Jonas was a gentleman who had rendered conspicuous services to the Democratic party, and, besides being an ex-Senator, opposition to his confirmation was not to be expected. He considered Mr. Jonas as an excellent man for the Collectorship, and thought he would eventually fill that position.

His reasons for supporting Mr. Kernochan for Naval Officer were that he was a Representative of the First Congressional District, and of large and important interests in that district, and a practical man who would administer the office successfully. Mr. Kernochan was also a representative of his old brigade, and for that reason was very acceptable to him.

Gen. Gibson remarked that President Cleveland's leanings in the matter of appointments were strongly toward business men, whom he preferred to the class of politicians, considering that they were best fitted to give satisfaction in office holding. The Senator does not believe that any changes will be made for the present in Federal positions here, except where officials may be removed for cause.

Linen Collars, Handkerchiefs, Towels, Napkins, Hose, Half Hose, etc., at the Star Grocery.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4602.

ESTATE OF AMOS REED.

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 *WEDNESDAY*, the 3d day of June, 1885, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Amos Reed, deceased, late of St. Landry, to-wit:

1. A certain tract of land situated at a place called Mallet, St. Landry parish, (prairie land) containing forty acres, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north by lands of François Joubert, south by lands of Martel, east by lands of François Joubert, and west by land of —— Guillory.

2. A tract of wood land situated at a place called Pot Cove, in Mallet Woods, St. Landry parish, La., containing twenty arpents, bounded north by ——, south by lands of Laronille, east by land of Mrs. Bourgeois, and west by lands of Achille Deville.

3. Eight work oxen, one lot gentle cows, one American horse, one American mare, two fillies, one wagon, one gold watch, one lot of farming implements, one lot of hogs, one saddle, household furniture, etc..

Terms and conditions.—The movables will be sold for cash; the prairie land and the woodland to be sold together and in block, payable in instalments at one, two and three years from the day of sale, in three equal payments, represented by three promissory notes; with two good and solvent securities, payable to the order of the administrator of the succession of Amos Reed, said notes to be secured by vendor's mortgage and lien and privilege on the land sold, and the notes to bear eight per cent interest only after maturity; the purchaser of the land to bind himself, in the act of mortgage, to pay ten per cent on the aggregate principal of said notes, in case of their non-payment, as attorney's fees for their collection.

FRANCOIS JOUBERT,
May 2, 1885. Administrator.

PUBLIC SALE.

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

ESTATE OF MARY FIELDS.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable 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 by any duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, near Big Cane village, parish of St. Landry, on *WEDNESDAY*, June 3d, 1885, the following described property belonging to the estate of Mary Fields, deceased, to-wit:

1. Forty acres of land, situated about one mile and a half north-east of Big Cane, and bounded north by lands of Jeff. Ford, east by S. C. Fleshman, south by L. Goudchaux, and west by lands of F. E. Bell, with all improvements thereon.

2. Fifteen acres of land in the swamp, bounded north by lands of Ward estate, east by Mrs. Stella Ward, south by S. C. Fleshman, and west by Spring bayou.

3. One sorrel horse, one cow and calf, one two-horse wagon, etc.

Terms—Cash.

LEOPOLD GOUDCHAUX,
May 2, 1885. Administrator.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

OFFICE BOARD PUBLIC SCHOOL DIRECTORS, OPELOUSAS, St. Landry Parish, La.

ALL public schools, that were opened for three months during the spring term of 1885, are hereby authorized to continue two additional months, May and June.

Teachers will remain in charge of their same schools, and receive the same salary per month.

C. C. SWAYZE,
April 25, 1885. Sec. & Supt.

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 Boeuf 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 Arcécius 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, Eucharistc 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 Fruge 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 lane, 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.

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 Simon, 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 Démornelle 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.

Tuesday, 14th April 1885.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment. Present:

Albert Guidry, President, A. Perrodin, S. W. W. Taylor, E. Dubuisson, S. Haas, Louis Young, T. C. Chacheré and B. E. Clark.

Mr. Young moved to reconsider the additional appropriation of $200 made for the cutting of a canal to drain the Opelousas and Washington road, near the old Hollier place.

Mr. Perrodin moved to lay Mr. Young's motion on the table. Carried; all voting for except Mr. Young.

The Police Jury appointed the following committees for the sale of unbranded stock:

1st Ward—T. S. Richard, Damon Pitre, Alcide Richard, Gab. Wartelle.

2d Ward.—Cezaire Miller, André D. Meche.

3d Ward.—A. D. Mayer, jr., Ovignac Carrière, D. Meche.

4th Ward.—Abram Richard, J. M. Martin, T. B. Cason, Jules Godeau, Joseph Lejeune.

5th Ward.—B. R. Splane, Alfred Stagg, W. J. Young, Louis Fontenot, Ernest Morrow, Jos. L. Fontenot, Ernest St. Amand.

6th Ward.—Frank Wharton, Narcisse Belair, Damon Deville, Wm. Randall, P. L. Fontenot, A. D. Ardoin, J. K. Elkins, McKindry Wolff, David Clark, Wm. McMillan, Warren Maddox, Eli Clark, Wm. Johnson, John T. Oliver, James West.

7th Ward.—Jos. H. Fontent, Valmon Vidrine, Joseph Fuzillier, jr., Oneal Lafleur, Oneal B. Fontenot, Hilaire Boutté.

8th Ward.—François Ledoux, jr., Antoine Guidry, Philogene Richard, Louis M. Courville, Rousseau Guidry, Joseph Latiolais, jr., Jesse M. Young, Dutil Sonier.

9th Ward.—R. B. Sloan, E. W. Lyons, Charles Melançon, Crawford Perry, Tilford McCleland, Christophe Gantt.

The following Road Overseers were appointed:

1st Ward.—Achille C. Devilliers, from Lastie Nézat's store to Adolphe Lamorandiere.

5th Ward.—Eddy Bailey, from Boon's line to Old Grand Prairie. Achille Deville, from on the Washington road to the Opelousas and Ville Plate road via Poiret's bridge.

6th Ward.—Stephen Deville, from S. Haas' store to Bell Chency road.

5th Ward.—Ernest Morrow, from Butler's place to parish line via Railroad.

7th Ward.—Emile Vidrine, from Ville Plate road to Plaisance via Guillory bridge.

8th Ward.—Simon Bte. Manuel, jr., from Chataiguier Point to Opelousas and Anse Bourbeux road via Catholic church.

9th Ward.—R. R. Lyons, from R. R. Lyons' place to Jean Castille bridge.

8th Ward.—Stephen Martel, from Sam Thomas to Paul Ledoux.

The following committees were appointed in accordance with resolution passed yesterday relative to the money collected for the purpose of repairing and building school houses in the Parish, viz:

1st Ward.—(To be appointed.)

2nd.—Messrs Adolph Guidry, Alfred Pavie and Dr. W. W. Lessley.

3d Ward.—(To be appointed.)

4th Ward.— "

5th Ward.—Ozomé Fontenot, Dan Sandefer and Gilbert Baillio.

6th Ward.—Frank Wharton, G. W. Spears and Eli Clark.

7th Ward.—(To be appointed.)

8th Ward.—M. S. Wilkins, J. W. Young and Etienne Stagg.

9th Ward.—Dr. R. R. Lyons, W. W. Duson and Savinien Cart.

Tax Collector's Yearly Statement,

FOR LICENCES FOR THE YEAR 1884, viz.:

Amt of blank licences received from the Clerk of the Police Jury		$4325 00
Gross amt licences collected	$2465 00	
" blank licences returned	1860 00	
		$4325 00

C. C. DUSON, Sheriff and Collector.

Tax Collector's Statement,

FOR ALL COLLECTIONS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1885, viz.:

Back taxes		$ 235 40
Taxes for 1884		1172 90
Criminal taxes		161 55
Licenses for 1885		1055 00
		$2624 85
Less taxes refunded	$ 27 10	
" commission, 5 o|o	129 88	
		156 98
Net amount due the parish		$2467 87

Messrs. Young, Chacheré and Haas having been appointed a committee to examine the vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer, reported through their chairman, Mr. Young, that they examined and counted the vouchers presented by the treasurer, amounting to $15,816.-28 (fifteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen 28|100 dollars), being amount paid by him to the 31st of March, 1885, as per his statement filed, which amount corresponded with items in the Cash Book, when on motion, it was resolved that the vouchers be cancelled and that the Treasurer have credit for that amount on the books of the parish, and the vouchers were cancelled accordingly.

Yearly Statement of the Treasurer for the Parish of St Landry,

From 1st April, 1884, to 31st March, 1885.

RECEIPTS:

1884 April 1—To bal. on hand		$ 13 51	
" Parish tax 84	$28,962 39		
" " crim. tax	3,008 61		
" " back tax	5,662 79		
" " Parish licenses '84	2,337 00		
" sale unbranded stock	94 50		
		40,065 29	
		$40,078 80	

EXPENDITURES:

By Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury, as per resolution April 15, '84	$ 1,066 90
" Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury, as per resolution of July 7, '84	935 12
" Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury, as per resolution of 14 Oct., '84	5,727 81
" Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury, as per resolution of 9 Dec., 84	3,773 01
" Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury, as per resolution of 13 Jan., '85	8,193 93
" Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury as per resolution of 9 Feb., '85	4,552 50
" Parish warrants paid, which were counted, examined and canceled by the Police Jury, as per resolution of 14 April '85	15,816 28
	40,065 55
Mar. 31—Balance on hand carried to new account	13 25
	$ 40,078 80

I certify that the above statement is a true and correct transcript from the books of the parish. W. A. ROBERTSON, Parish Treasurer.

Opelousas, La., April 14, 1885.

I solemnly swear that I have paid the full amount expressed on the face of the above claim against the Parish, and that I have not acquired any of them either directly or indirectly by speculation with public money.

W. A. ROBERTSON, Parish Treasurer.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 14th April, 1885. G. W. HUDSPETH, Judge 13th District of La.

Messrs. Taylor, Dubuisson and Clark having been appointed a committee to examine the claims on file against the parish reported through their chairman, Mr. Taylor, that the following claims were found correct, viz:

Mount Pleasant Mill, lumber	$321 25
E. W. Sylvester, building bridge	35 00
A. M. Godwin, lumber	22 19
Oakland Saw Mill, "	28 80
Leon Wolff, "	15 00
Charles Burton, "	12 20
J. O. Chacheré, "	4 00
O. Carrière, "	16 12
Sam'l. Haas, " &c.	33 74
Charles Dossman, " &c.	30 00
E. Dubuisson, building bridges	50 00
John White, " "	10 00
Zéphirin Jones, hauling	14 50
Veilland Chacheré, "	24 08
George Davis, spade broken on road	1 50
John N. Ogden, criminal fees	345 00
J. O. Chacheré, Clerk's fees	319 15
C. C. Duson, attendance on court	465 00
do " conveying prisoners, &c.	298 65
Dr. W. M. Thompson, services as expert	50 00
Dr. V. Boagni, " "	25 00
Dr. R. H. Littell, " "	25 00
Dr. J. Ray, " "	25 00
J. Meyers & Co., spikes, stat'nry, &c.	116 80
Joseph Bloch, sundries for prisoners	21 05
Opelousas Courier, printing blanks	112 00
T. D. Cooke, criminal fees	26 45
John Mornhinveg, repairs to jail	7 50
John N. Ogden, revising ordinances	10 00
Geo. O. Elms, surveying	10 00
E. S. Taylor, stationery for S. Court	25 00
S. Cart, Coroner's fees	10 00
W. W. Oneal, burying paupers	24 00
F. L. Pitre, stationery	3 75
Geo. T. Moore, juror on inquest	2 00
Z. T. Young, " " " (trnsfd)	23 00
T. C. Chacheré, " " "	12 50

The Police Jury adjourned until the 1st Monday in July, 1885, it being the 6th day of that month.

ALBERT GUIDRY, President.
Attest: P. J. LEFEBVRE, Clerk.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE.

District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13898

In Matter of Oliver H. Gentry & Co. vs. Their Creditors.

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 syndic or any duly qualified auctioneer, at the Oakland Saw Mill, near Washington, in the parish of St. Landry, on *WEDNESDAY*, May 6th, 1885, the following described property, belonging to the insolvent estate of Oliver H. Gentry & Co., to-wit:

250,000 feet of cypress lumber, more or less, on the yard at Oakland Saw Mill and on the Donato Lot in the town of Washington, La.

155 cypress trees and 279 pine sticks afloat near mill; 150 cypress trees, more or less, sunk near mill; 145 trees, more or less, in Cross bayou, Pointe Coupée; 70 cypress trees, more or less, near and above Little Devil bar and in the various cross streams; 50 cords cypress wood, more or less, in yard at saw-mill.

One 8x12 engine; one lot shafting, boxes and pulleys, running as line shaft, driving Edger and Swing saws; one Butting Saw, complete; one trimming Saw; one Lane & Bodley 4 Saw Gang Edger; one Blacksmith's shop and tools; one Worthington steam pump; one set (3) Lane & Bodley wrought iron head blocks; one saw-dust elevator, complete; one barge—"Maggie D."; one wrought iron heater; one 2½ inch saw mandrel and boxes, one small bull wheel, one 50 inch, inserted tooth saw and teeth, one 54 inch circular saw, one 56 inch circular saw, one 40 inch circular saw, one 30 inch circular saw, one 10x60 split pulley, one 3½ inch Gardner's governor, one Sturtevant fan, one 10x10 cistern, 100 feet nozzle and couplings, two wheelbarrows, sundry tools, one office stove, 200 feet ½ inch wire rope, sundry small boats.

Terms—Cash.

J. M. LALANNE,
April 25, '85 Syndic.

PUBLIC SALE.

16TH SCHOOL SECTION.

By virtue of the power in me vested by law, and in pursuance to an order emanating from the Honorable O. B. Steele, Auditor of Public Accounts for the State of Louisiana, I will proceed, at the Court House door, in the town of Opelousas, La., on *WEDNESDAY*, May 27th, 1885, to sell at public auction, through a duly qualified auctioneer, the following described property, to-wit:

The 16th (sixteenth) section in Township 8 (eight) south range one east, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, La.

Said property will be sold on the following terms and conditions, to-wit: 1-10 (one-tenth) thereof to be paid cash on day of sale. The balance in nine equal annual installments from day of sale, represented by notes of like amount, bearing, each, eight per cent yearly interest from date of sale, till paid, to be executed by purchaser, with personal security, in solido—said notes to be made payable to the Auditor of Public Accounts, and shall be secured by special mortgage on the land sold. In the event of the purchaser neglecting or refusing to pay any of these installments, or interest at maturity, the mortgage shall be forthwith closed and the land resold. The interest on the whole of the notes to be paid annually.

The above property will be sold in lots, according to a plat which will be exhibited on day of sale. W. A. ROBERTSON,
April 25, '85. Parish Treasurer.

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 249, 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.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, New Orleans, La., March 9, 1885.—Notice is hereby given that the following-