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Mr. Tom Isaacs lost his only child, aged about six months, on last Wednesday morning.

For Sale—A new Remington double-barrel breech-loading shot gun can be had at a bargain on application at this office.

Much freight is being received at the Morgan depot at this time. The lumber yards are booming and the managers are busy and happy.

Owing to the prolonged rainy weather, and the difficulty of picking cotton rapidly, the cotton receipts have been small for the season.

We understand that the meeting of merchants and planters which was to have been held last Tuesday at Washington, to consider the question of freight rates, was a failure. Oh, fie!

A great many persons are in daily attendance upon the present term of our District Court, the docket of which is larger and more important than for many years past. The presiding judge, lawyers, court officers, jury and witnesses will be busy for days to come, and our Courthouse square, in the meantime, will present an animated appearance.

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WEATHER AND CROPS.

After nearly a month of almost incessant showers the weather cleared up on Monday last, with wind north and north-east, which, fortunately, has prevailed during the greater part of the past week. If the weather should remain dry and clear for several weeks a half crop of cotton may yet be made; but the damage already done to the cotton by the prolonged rainy period in rotting of the unopen and open bolls will doubtless reduce the yield one half, besides damaging what was picked during the wet season. Much damage was done the rice that was ripe, but there is still a large quantity of young rice to ripen which will afford a large yield with favorable weather at harvest time. The cane crop is reported to be excellent, yet good weather is now needed for the saccharine matter to form before the cutting season in October and November. The sweet potato crop will be a large one, but the corn is reported as seriously damaged by rot in the fields. The cry of all the farmers now is "give us a long spell of good weather."

From Mr. W. C. Abbott, agent at the depot, we learn that about the 1st of October, all of the rights, franchises, rolling stock, &c., of the Morgan Company will be transferred to the Huntington system, and be known as the Southern Pacific & California Railroad. Then the Morgan Co. will cease to exist as a corporation, and be known no more in railroad circles.

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Louisiana's Exhibit.

Yesterday evening Col. D. F. Boyd, Louisiana Commissioner, left for Shreveport, where he will remain a short time, and then go to Natchitoches, and in company with Prof. Brown and one or two other assistants, begin an inspection that will continue diagonally across from the Texas border, and take in four or five parishes. Splendid results are looked for from this tour of the Colonels. He has issued a lengthy address to the people of Louisiana, urging them to assist him in making an exhibit that will be a credit to the State. He asks the City Council of New Orleans and the police juries of the parishes, and public spirited citizens to aid him financially to the best of their ability. Col. Boyd eloquently presents his case in the following paragraph:

"All the industries, great and small, should be represented, and manuscripts and relics bearing upon the history and romance of Louisiana should be forthcoming. And which one of all the American States has so romantic a history as Louisiana? Here has been the battle-ground of the nations for supremacy on the American continent; nearly every spot in the State is sacred ground, full of hallowed memories of chivalric deeds and heroic sufferings. At the coming Exposition let it be told what Louisiana has been, as well as what she is and what she expects to be. The history of the Creole race is an heroic poem, full of feeling and instruction to the contemplative student, and abounding in all that is noble and glorious in a people. The Creole modest, gentle, retiring, is unknown to the American people. But a race that can produce the great naturalist Audubon, of St. James parish, and the greatest of military engineers, Beauregard, of Orleans, and whose brilliant deeds embellish the proudest pages of American history, need shrink from no comparison with any race that goes to make up the great American people. And in the graces and elegances of a refined social culture, who are their equals? The State Commissioner begs the Creoles to give up, for once, their modest reserve, and help him show the world who they are and what they can do."

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Charcotton Canal.

Nobody can deny the advantages to accrue to all this section of country, by establishing a permanent and regular competition by fine steamboats, and do away with the navigation of that dangerous and terrible Atchafalaya. There would then be no more objection to the closing of the Atchafalaya, the closing of which would save us from annual overflows. Let our Levee Governor and State Engineers attend to the closing of the gaps in the levees, strengthen the weak places, don't wait for the spring rise, as the levees will then have time to settle and harden, and will certainly be more able to resist the rush of waters in the spring against their sides. With the Atchafalaya stopped up or restrained, and the levees secure, confidence would be re-established among the people; the rich and productive lands of the Atchafalaya, Bayou Rouge, Courtableau, Chene, Pigeon, and a dozen other streams in that region, would again be settled and the old population increased by a new and industrious population; sugar cane would be planted everywhere, and in a few years thousands of hogsheads of sugar would be shipped through bayou Plaquemine to New Orleans from that region. Land that yielded from two to four hogsheads of sugar before the war, with very little cultivation, would not long remain idle, if protected from overflow.

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PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4636

ESTATE OF AUGUSTE BERTRAND.
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 28th day of October, 1885, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Auguste Bertrand, deceased, late of St. Landry, to-wit:

1. The plantation, the last residence of the deceased situated in the parish of St. Landry, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, containing one hundred acres, more or less, being open and wood land, bounded north by land of Donatien Ledoux and Agenor Durin, south by land of Mrs. P. A. Ledoux, east by land of Henry L. Gaudin and Jules Pire, and west by land of P. F. Dupre.

2. A tract of prairie land containing fifty arpents, situated on Plaquemine Ridge, St. Landry, bounded north by lands of Whitfield (deceased), south by Thence Jeanne, east by Jesse Motte, and west by land supposed to belong to Whitfield.

3. Another tract of prairie land adjoining the above tract, being the north-east quarter of south-east quarter of sec. 17, T. 6 S. R. 3 E., containing 17 1/2 acres, and south-east quarter of sec. 17, T. 6 S. R. 3 E., containing 17 1/2 and 1/4 acres.

4. Four horses, three mules, a lot of maces and colls, three ricks of corn, eight forty-head of small hogs, one cow, one pig, one cart, one buggy, a lot of farm implements, household furniture, kitchen utensils, &c.

5. The undivided half of the land and the undivided third of a sugar mill.

Terms and Conditions.—All the movable property to be sold for cash on the day of sale. The balance of the purchase price of the deceased, to be sold for two-thirds cash and the balance (one-third) payable in one and two years from day of sale. The tract of prairie land to be sold for cash on the day of sale, one-fourth of purchase price cash on the day of sale, and the balance in one and two years from day of sale. Purchasers to bear eight per cent interest from date of purchase, with ten per cent attorney's fees in case of suit to collect. The lands to remain specially mortgaged in favor of the estate until final payment of purchase price.

THEOGENE BERTRAND, Administrator.
Sept. 12, 1885.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4646

ESTATE OF ALICE MARIE.

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 a duly qualified auctioneer, at the residence of Ernest Marks, in the Prairie Basses of Grand Coteau, parish of St. Landry, on WEDNESDAY, October 23d, 1885, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Alice Marie, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

1. One tract of land containing twenty-five arpents, bounded north by Bayou Bourgeois, south by the estate of Ernest Marks, east by Francois Savoie, and west by Ernest Marks.

2. The undivided half of a tract of land measuring forty-nine arpents, bounded north by Bayou Bourgeois, east by Ernest Marks, and west by Gabriel Rofard.