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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY.....MARCH 27, 1886.

Crabs, oysters and fish at Vilaseca's every Friday and Sunday.

Washington made a gallant effort to get the new Courthouse built there, but the Police Jury in its Wednesday's session voted down the proposition.

Among the gentlemen in town last Monday we noticed Messrs. Walter Gardiner, Mentor Andrus, Jules Chrétien and E. V. Barry, of Grand Coteau, and Messrs. Louis and Philip Stagg of Bayou Bœuf.

We had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Father Eby of Church Point on last Wednesday. He reports everybody as busy at work in his neighborhood, and everything moving on quietly and harmoniously.

The Police Jury held a special session last Wednesday to take measures to have the burnt Court House rebuilt. Its proceedings are published in another column. The committee authorized to draw up the plans and specifications and to advertise for bids will meet here next Monday.

"Family Fiction," an excellent weekly story paper published at Washington, D. C., at $1 a year, will be sent with the COURIER one year to every person who deposits $3 at this office. Sample copy furnished on application. Look at one and you will want this cheap and splendid paper.

We have received the second number of the Signal, published at Rayne, St. Landry parish, by Messrs. Felter & Addison. It is a neat five column folio, well filled with newsy original matter, and good selections and a liberal amount of local advertisements. We cheerfully place it on our list of exchanges. The subscription price is only $2.00 per annum.

Col. A. T. Fairies, Assistant Adjutant General of the State Militia, was in town on Monday, and in company with Capt. E. S. Taylor gave us a pleasant call. The Col. is making a tour of the State for the purpose of ascertaining the actual condition and needs of the militia, and to encourage the formation of military companies in the various sections where none exist.

RAILROAD STRIKE.—Freight trains have been resumed on the New Orleans Pacific, but the strike on the Missouri Pacific still continues, notwithstanding the mediation and attempted arbitration of the difficulties by the Governors of Missouri and Kansas. The railroad authorities have made some concessions, but they are unsatisfactory to the leaders of the Knights of Labor.

This question between capital and labor is becoming serious throughout the whole country, and strikes are general in almost all branches of industry.

FINE PICTURES.—We take pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr F. Bromowicz in another column. That Mr. B. is a first class artist is amply demonstrated by the samples of work to be seen at his gallery, near Jacobs' store; indeed it is seldom that such splendid work can be had outside of the large cities, and as Mr. B.'s stay here will be limited, and his prices very moderate, we advise all needing a good likeness to give him an early call. He is prepared to take photographs in every style, also crayon and pastel work. Old pictures copied and renewed in an artistic manner.

The election for a new Board of Police or Town Council for Opelousas comes off on the 5th prox., and some of our substantial citizens are asking themselves if this is not an opportune moment for inaugurating a more democratic—i. e., less autocratic—system of conducting our municipal affairs, and one more consonant with sound business principles than has obtained for quite a number of years. We understand that a ticket is being formed with this object as the dominant idea of its framers as well as of its personnel—an idea which must commend itself to every law-abiding and level-headed citizen in the community—and we would be more than pleased to see such a ticket elected.

STOLEN HIDES.—For some time past our large cattle owners have been missing stock, and many carcasses of skinned animals found in Prairie Hays and other places induced the losers of cattle to sue out search warrants to find out where the hides were sold. Since Tuesday last 48 hides have been found in possession of dealers in Opelousas; 38 with brands of C. Comeau and 10 of Achille, Godefroy and Lastie Dupré. Many have been sold in Jennings, Rayne, and different country stores, and the losers are under the impression that large numbers, probably thousands, have been lost in the space of the last two or three months, nearly all of which were killed solely for their hides. The search is still going on and will be kept up with due vigilance to discover, if possible, the criminal parties who are stealing the hides off of dead cattle and in numerous instances killing the stock simply to purloin the skins. If we are not very much mistaken there is an ordinance of the Police Jury requiring all purchasers of hides to keep a record of all the brands and ear marks, and the names of the parties from whom they were bought as a protection from this kind of larceny. If there is not such an ordinance in force the Legislature has given Police Juries the authority to make such legislation, and it should be done without further delay.

Destruction of the Courthouse.

At about 1:30 o'clock on last Monday morning, the stillness of the darkness was broken by the alarm of fire, and firemen and citizens rushed out of bed for the scene of danger. It proved to be our Court building, and when discovered the disastrous flames were leaping in fearful flames from the ground floor and windows of the Tax Collector's office. The three Fire Companies and Hook & Ladder Company were quickly on hand, besides a large number of citizens, and used every effort to suppress the destroying element. But the fearful progress the fire had already made on the inner wooden flooring, walls and ceiling, with the difficulty of procuring water promptly and in sufficient quantity, made their heroic efforts unavailing. Besides this, several thousand metalic cartridges of the Opelousas Guards which were deposited in the Supreme Court office in the second story, began to explode and somewhat paralyzed the work of saving the books and records in the adjacent offices. It was soon manifest that the building was doomed, and as a high wind was blowing the burning cinders on many buildings near the east and southeast part of the square, the fire department and citizens had to direct their attention to prevent the communication of fire to the solid mass of buildings on the contiguous blocks. Lacombe's hotel, stable, and some other buildings caught, but the flames were suppressed before any damage was done. The burning cinders were blown a distance of two or three blocks away and threatened a large number of buildings with conflagration. Nothing but the promptitude and efficient work of firemen and citizens prevented a general and disastrous fire. Most fortunately there was but little money in the tax collector's office. Only a few days before Sheriff Duson had made a settlement with the State Treasurer and deposited $5000 of the State money in the branch deposit of the State National Bank at New Orleans. He also had settled with the Parish Treasurer up to the 10th inst. The safe in the tax collector's office was a very old one and the intense heat of the fire burned large holes entirely through it. It contained $180 in gold, $151.60 in silver which was but slightly damaged. The following amounts in paper money were destroyed, to-wit: $620.00 poll tax; $219.00 State lice ses; $250.00 State warrants, and $94.00 in State warrants, and some valuable papers. Everything in the assessor's office and supreme court office, including about half of the Opelousas Guards' breech loading muskets and several thousand cartridges, and the most of the records of the sheriff's office were entirely destroyed by the fire. The contents of the safe of the parish treasurer were but little damaged, the papers being only slightly scorched. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to be the work of an incendiary either from the motive of robbery or to destroy important records of the Court. As none of the safes were tampered with, it is believed that the latter incentive prompted the act, if it was the work of incendiarism.

We publish in another column the statement of the town treasurer, handed in on Thursday, purporting to show the financial transactions of the corporation for the past two years. The Collector's statement, we presume, will soon be published. We know of no good reason why these statements should not be made up every three months and published. For this much, however, we should be thankful—and we are—very deeply so. We should have liked to see a more detailed statement, however, after having waited so long for it; but we suppose we are quite unreasonable, and that this inordinate thirst for knowledge, this longing after the unattainable, as it were, is nothing but the outgrowth of a captious, peevish, fault-finding disposition, and ought not to be gratified—and doubtless will not be.

But this statement, short as it is, effectually explodes one of the campaign stories we have heard a good deal of on the streets, viz.: that the town was out of debt and had seven or eight hundred dollars in the treasury. The treasurer places the amount at $576.45, and we know of one of its debts which amounts to about $128.17. But, as this statement has not been examined and verified by the Board, it may not be correct. (Of course, we do not mean by this to cast any reflection on the treasurer, in whose integrity and *bonne foi* we have every confidence.)

Among the prominent citizens of Washington who were in town this week, we noticed Messrs. M. D. Kavanagh, J. M. Lalanne, Elbert Gantt, Chs. Antonio, Achille Dupré, Phil. Jacobs and —— Schwing. Most of them came to urge upon the Police Jury the propriety of delaying the rebuilding of the Court House at Opelousas until an election could be held to take the sense of the people on the question of making our sister town the parish seat of St. Landry. They made a gallant fight—and we cannot blame them for it—but failed. *Honneur au courage malheureux!* say we.

(Communicated.)

Owing to the fact that all the important criminal cases have been tried, that the Court House has been burned, and that we are holding court several blocks away from the jail and clerk's office; and owing particularly to the fact that this is a time when farmers ought to be at home, we suggest that the criminal term be adjourned—especially as civil jury cases can be tried without expense to the parish. Z.

The police jury of Vermillion parish refused to repeal the Sunday law at the meeting held on the 8th of March, and passed a resolution requesting the several parishes of the State to appeal to their Representatives and Senators and urge the Legislature to pass a Sunday law for the entire State.

A Glimpse at Things Municipal.

We were accosted the other day by one of the leading members of the present Board of Police, who inquired what we had discovered by our inspection of the books of the town treasurer the day before. We replied that we had learned very little; that we had found the books in such a condition that it would have required considerable time and labor to find even the amount of receipts and expenditures, as none of the columns of figures, even those of 1884, had been footed up, and the treasurer had told us that he had received a considerable sum of money since any entry had been made on his books; that he had informed us, however, that he would have his books in proper shape in a day or two and would publish a statement showing the receipts and expenditures of the town during the period of his incumbency—a space of two years. We here took occasion to say to our interlocutor that the main reason why we opposed the re-election of the "old Board" was that the people were kept in complete ignorance as to the financial affairs of the corporation; that the present Board had been in office nearly two years and had never published a solitary statement showing the receipts and disbursements of the town during that time. He frankly admitted that such was the fact and that this objection was a weighty one; but he claimed that the Board was not responsible for this dereliction of duty—that it had appointed officers who were charged with the collection and disbursement of the town's funds; that those officers were paid a salary for performing their duties, and that it was their duty to publish such statements. We begged to differ with him. We told him that we thought it was the duty of the Board to *require* its officers to make quarterly, semi-annual, or at least annual reports to that body and that these reports ought to be examined and verified by the Board or a committee thereof *before* being published. He dissented from this view, saying that it would take up too much of the time of its members, who received no remuneration for their services, if they were compelled to examine even semi-annual or annual reports of the financial condition of the town, and that the custom which has prevailed here for quite a number of years, of making one general report at the end of the term was sufficient; or at least that such a report was the only one which the Board could be expected to examine and verify.

We publish the above in order to give our readers an insight into the workings of some of the municipal machinery, and to show the high conception which our town Solons have of their duties. No comment is necessary. If the taxpayers approve of these views and do not object to this loose method of administering their town affairs—a method which we will do the present Board the justice to say they have not inaugurated, but which has prevailed for years—they will vote to retain them in the offices they now occupy. But, if they disapprove of these unbusiness like methods and narrow views—and we naturally assume that they must—they will vote to do away with the whole vicious system and elect a Board which will tear it up, root and branch, and cast it aside.

The Democratic Parish Convention which met at the Courthouse on last Saturday was a very harmonious gathering. The temporary organization was presided over by the Hon T. S. Fontenot. On permanent organization, District Attorney Ogden was elected chairman, and Messrs. Hardesty of Washington, and Mixer of Big Cane, were elected Secretaries. As foreshadowed in our last issue the Hon. E. T. Lewis was unanimously nominated for the Senate to fill the unexpired term of Senator Fontenot, resigned. In a very neat address, Gen. Lewis accepted the nomination and pledged himself to reform legislation; among other measures to make police juries elective in St. Landry, and to change the day of holding State elections to the date of holding the national elections. He has the ability, and is fully acquainted with the much needed reforms in legislation that should be inaugurated in the approaching session of the Legislature, and we believe that he will make an earnest and zealous representation of the State's true interests. Just here we would take occasion to remark that the Legislature should pass an act to regulate a tariff of charges and to prevent unjust discrimination in rates on the railroads passing through or situated in Louisiana. Our people are unanimous on this subject of railroad monopolies. Also an act to restrict criminal expenses by having a less number of witnesses in petty cases, and placing such suits within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and giving them authority to fix fines and penalties. This is one of the most important features to be considered in the revision and amendment of our criminal code.

GERMAN CARP.—On last Monday, Mr. Henry H. Clay a fisherman living on bayou Darbonne, near the Courtableau, caught a genuine German Carp, about 30 inches in length, and weighing 7 pounds, out of the Big Raw Bayou, one of the tributaries of the Courtableau. The fish was sold to Mr. Johnnie Mornhinveg of Opelousas on Wednesday morning for the small sum of twenty-five cents. Some three or four years ago, Capt. J. M. Taylor sent to the Fish Commissioner at Washington City and procured German Carp for several of our citizens, two of whom, living east of town on tributaries of the above streams, lost their carp by freshets breaking the dams and overflowing their ponds where the fish were placed for propagation. If such is an explanation, and the fact of a carp having been caught of such a large size, we may expect to see an abundance of this excellent species of fish in those bayous in a few years more. It is said that the female carp begins to spawn at two years old, and lays thousands of eggs at each spring season.

Tweny-five Years Ago.

THE ST. LANDRY LIGHT GUARDS.

This Company left Washington on the 26th of May, 1861, and was the first that left this parish, being followed a few days later by the Opelousas Guards—the roll of which we published last week. The "Confederate States Rangers," Capt. Spencer, was the next to leave, the roll of which we also give in this issue, and includes the names of thirty-one volunteers from our sister parish, Calcasieu.

These three companies formed part of the famous Louisiana Brigade commanded by Dick Taylor and Harry Hays, which immortalized itself under Stonewall Jackson in his famous and ever memorable campaigns in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., a Brigade which might justly be styled the pride and boast of that battle-scarred and tattered corps, on which the invincible Stonewall placed so much reliance—and never in vain. In the Opelousas COURIER of the 12th of March, 1864, printed on a fine article of wall paper, we find the following article indicating the high estimate placed upon that veteran Brigade in Virginia:

LOUISIANIANS IN LEE'S ARMY.—The following just and beautiful compliment to the Louisiana Brigade, under the command of the gallant Harry Hays, is contained in an editorial article from the Richmond Whig:

"We must be permitted, however, to express our sincere regret at the capture of a lage portion of Hays' Brigade. Decimated as it was, the nine hundred remaining Louisianians were worth their weight in gold to the army which had already lost its invincible Texans. There is nothing to show that Hoke's Brigade did not fight as bravely in the late affair as that of Hays; but the imperishable record of the latter in the great campaign in the Valley and in all the mighty battles in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, had endeared it to the whole country and particularly to the people of Virginia. Before they were trained, the Louisianians gave evidence of the pluck and *élan* of the soldier by nature. Their mettle soon became known, and they were called on to perform the hardest feats. They were never called in vain. If now they are lost to Lee's army, we know not where the material will be found to replace them."

OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICRS:

Captain, N Offut, Jr.
1st Lieutenant, J C Hickman,
2d Lieutenant, H Bain Ritchie,
Junior 2d Lieutenant, S D McCaulley,
Ensign, A Desbrest,
Orderly Sergeant, L A Cormier,
2d Sergeant, P Scott,
3d Sergeant, J O Trainor,
4th Sergeant, A L Metivier,
5th Sergeant, C P Gordon,
1st Corporal, E J Going,
2d Corporal, E O'Reilly,
3d Corporal, A Pfeil,
4th Corporal, P M Drinkard,
5th Corporal, D A Fitch,
A Winkler, hoporary member.

PRIVATES:

A Samuels,	F Soileau,
T Soileau,	Benj Fontenot,
William Arden,	F E Winkler,
Austin Lacombe,	E B Wallace,
William Herbert,	John Senn,
Benj Stagg,	John Levy,
E T Cormier,	A Fontenot,
T Creig,	Jackson Morris,
N Bushnell,	Charles S Bellow,
Moses B Bolton	A Badeaux,
J R Scott,	T N Overall,
L Tessandori,	B Savant,
J Scott Gale,	J Hilsey,
Constantine Hardy,	J Felix Keyel,
Oneal S Fontenot,	Jeremiah Quinlan,
A Launey,	Nas Bollendorff,
R Curtis,	James D Haines,
J M Hull,	Joseph A Mullen,
H O Tubre,	J H Cole,
Alex Barton,	J S Vannoy,
Alphonse Strother,	A M Vannoy,
E D Lewis,	A B Clorr,
Thomas Teazla,	James Morgan,
Archy McKinney,	C A Gordon,
Walton R Olds,	G W Bundick,
F Reine,	J A Smith,
A M Ford,	A G Swan,
T Byrne,	J M McCauley,
Phil Jacobs,	J H Callaham,
Gabriel Porter,	J H Bodelander,
Alfred Renaud,	L F Darby,
T A Guidry,	G H Hanna,
J C Dikes,	E Caruthers,
George Anselm,	Zenon Bordelon,
Wm A Robertson,	J McCluskey,
C N Richmond,	Amos Lacomb,
Berrien Johnson,	Benj R Butler,
Milton Bihm,	F S Savant,
R R McCrory,	N W Fisher,
R L Bihm,	M S Sloane,
A Reed,	S Lambert,
Washington Rose,	Holmes Graham,
C C Ashford,	Perry Higginbotham,

Victor Aubespin, f. m. c

THE CONFEDERATE STATES RANGERS.

Officers and non-commissioned Officers:

William H Spencer, Captain;
M S Prud'homme, 1st Lieutenant;
Louis Prud'homme, Jr., 2d "
E D Seaton, 2d Junior "
Nat G Davis, Ensign;
A Perrodin, 1st Sergeant;
Jos C Lebleu, 2d "
Isaac Ryan, 3d "
Paul Lambert, 4th "
J F Mouillé 5th "
James McKinney, 1st Corporal;
Isaac Reeves, 2d "
Wm L Hutchins, 3d "
Henry Miller, 4th "

Privates:

Joseph Augé	André Lastrapes
Soulange Augustin	Pat F McCormick
E Babled	Aquila McDaniel, jr
John Bentz	Dupré Marcantel
John U Berry	Maxile Marcantel
Wm C Belin	J M Miller
Emile Buller	Alfred Morgan
Valmont Chiasson	Joseph Moreau
Jean Courville	James Moyle
Louis Courville	Lewis Nugent
Patrick Coyne	H W Newton
Guillaume Durio	John Norton
H A Fleshman	Edward O'Hara
Joseph Grangé	Nelson D Orent
James Hardisty	Robert F Pierce
David Hargrove	Albert M Pithon
Joseph Herrington	Octave Prud'homme
Easton Hoffpauir	James Ragan
Nathan L Howell	James Reeves
H W Jeffries	Joseph Richard
David Johnson	Michael Ryan,
Justice H Jackson	Jno C Reichenback
James Kennedy	Frank Romerkirchen
Benj Kirkman	Pat Scanlin
Gustave Kughfahl	Wm Scutten
J B Lambert	Peter Sherry
Isaac Lonsdale	G L Strange
Zéphirin Langley	Thos E Stringer
Edward Linder	Frederick Sack
John H Lindsey	Jean Trahan
Armelin Linscicome	Pierre Vincent
George Lalonde	Alexander Wade
Anatole Lalonde	Cyrus Whigam

In addition to the above, there were six other volunteer companies that left this parish, complete rolls of which we will give, as far as we can obtain them, in future issues of the COURIER. In our next we will give the names of the "St. Landry Volunteers," Capt. H. L. Garland, and the "Opelousas Volunteers," Capt. Louis Lastrapes. Later we will publish the rosters of the companies led by Captains Robin and Doremus.

If any of our readers can furnish us with the names of officers and privates of the two companies that left St. Landry under Captains Gober and Calvit, we would be under obligations for the favor. The COURIER office was twice sacked during the war, and many of the files of our paper were destroyed or carried off by the Federal forces, together with the presses, type, etc., and we have thus far been unable to find any record of those two companies.

Democratic Parish Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of the Parish of St. Landry, issued on the 15th day of February, 1886, and duly advertised in the newspapers of the parish, the Democratic party of the parish assembled in Convention at the Court House in Opelousas on March the 20th, 1886.

Dr. R. H. Littell, President of the Executive Committee called the Convention to order, stating the object of the call to be for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the State Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. T. S. Fontenot, and such other general business as in the sense of the Convention, might be deemed best for the interests of the Democratic party.

The Hon. T. S. Fontenot was elected by acclamation to the temporary chairmanship, and in a few appropriate remarks, thanked the Convention and the democrats of St. Landry for the present and past honors, and feelingly announced his regret that circumstances beyond his control had forced him to resign the position of Senator of St. Landry.

On motion of Mr. C. F. Garland of Opelousas, Mr. B. F. Hardesty of Washington was elected Secretary pro tem, and Mr. E. Mixer of Big Cane assistant secretary pro tem.

It having been ascertained that there were no contests, on motion of Thos. H. Lewis, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the appointment of a committee on credentials be dispensed with, that the secretary call the roll of Precincts and that the chairman of each delegation hand the credentials of his delegation to the secretary, that the secretary make the roll of the convention from these several credentials, and that he call the roll of each delegation while entering their names on the roll of the convention.

Motion by Thos. H. Lewis, that the convention now proceed to organize with the roll made by the secretary from the credentials put upon the secretary's table. Adopted.

On motion of Thos. H. Lewis, Esq., Jno. N. Ogden, Esq., was elected permanent chairman of the convention.

Mr. Thos. H. Lewis moved that the secretary and assistant secretary pro tem be continued as secretaries of the convention. Adopted.

Mr. C. F. Garland moved that Mr. W. H. Haw of Big Cane be added as assistant secretary. Adopted.

At least half a dozen delegates from different directions nominated a candidate for the Senate each one naming the Hon. E. T. Lewis.

Several gentlemen addressed the convention supporting the nomination, among whom was the president of the convention—Mr. H. Barousse being in the chair.

No other nominations being made, the motion was made, seconded and carried, making the nomination of the Hon. E. T. Lewis as a candidate for the State Senate unanimous.

Mr. C. F. Garland moved that a committee of two be appointed by the chair to inform Mr. Lewis of the action of the convention. Adopted.

The chair appointed Mr. C. F. Garland and Hon. T. S. Fontenot. Whereupon Mr. Lewis being brought before the convention amidst applause thanked the convention for the honor conferred on him, and defined his position in regard to several important measures requiring legislation.

Mr. L. D. Prescott moved that the present Executive Committee be continued as the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of the parish of St. Landry until the next convention be duly assembled. Adopted.

Mr. M. L. Swords moved the substitution of the name of Dr. S. P. Ward on the parish Executive Committee in place of Mr. S. W. W. Taylor for the 4th ward. Adopted.

On motion of Thos. H. Lewis, Resolved, That the president of the Democratic parish executive Committee be instructed to give notice according to Art. 48 of the Constitution of the introduction in the next Legislature of an act requiring the election of Police Jurors in the parish of St. Landry.

Resolved, That this convention fully endorses the course of the Hon. T. S. Fontenot as Senator from this district, and regrets that he felt compelled to resign his public trust.

Resolved, That in retiring from office he carries with him into private life the esteem, confidence and best wishes of the democracy of this parish.

On motion of Mr. Chas. Garland, Resolved, That every member of this convention pledge himself to use every honorable means in his power to secure the election of Hon. E. T. Lewis, the nominee of the convention, by polling as large a vote as possible at every Precinct in the parish.

Resolved, That this convention tender sincere thanks to Judge G. W. Hudspeth, to C. C. Duson and his deputies for their endeavors to make the members of this convention as comfortable as possible.

On motion the convention adjourned sine die. JNO. N. OGDEN, President.

B. F. HARDESTY, Sec'ty.
E. MIXER, Asst. Sec.
W. H. HAW, " "

Obituary.

DIED—At Bayou Chicot, La., March 17, 1886, of pleuro-pneumonia, MATTHEW VERNON SINGLETON.

A bereaved family and large circle of friends mourn their loss. The deceased was a kind and loving husband, a firm yet gentle parent, a good neighbor and an honored and respected citizen. He faithfully served his State in her hour of need, and was afterwards elected to a seat in her legislative halls, where he rendered valuable services to his constituents. As a man of strict integrity, and unswerving adherence to a sense of whatever he thought was just and right, he leaves a gap in our midst which it will be difficult to fill. If he had faults, and who has not? they were more than counterbalanced by his virtues.

Yet though, on earth, we'll see his face no more,
And bow beneath the Providential rod,
He leaves this name—though he has gone before—
"An honest man—the noblest work of God."

MARRIED—At the Hall of the Opelousas Social Club, March 24, 1886, by Rev. Jas. K. Gutheim, Mr. LEWIS GOLDSTEIN, of New Orleans, to Miss ROSIE ROOS, of Opelousas.

——— At the residence of the bride's father in Prairie Hayes, March 25, 1886, by Rev. F. W. Lewis, Dr. LAWRENCE DALTY, to Miss NOURMA HOCHADAY.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by M. P. Young & Co.

If "out of sorts" with headache, stomach disorder, torpid liver, pain in back or side, constipation, etc., neglect may be fatal. One dose of Strong's Sanative Pills will give relief. A few doses restore to new health and vigor.

Proceedings of the Police Jury.

CALLED MEETING.

OPELOUSAS, LA., March 24th, 1886.

Pursuant to a call by the President the Police Jury met. Present:

Messrs. Albert Guidry, President; A. Perrodin, D. P. Saizan, E. Dubuisson, Sam Haas, L. Young, T. C. Chacheré and B. E. Clark.

The President announced to the members the object of the meeting, to-wit: to take into consideration the rebuilding of the Court House recently destroyed by fire, and to provide for a temporary place in which to hold the courts to sit in this parish pending the rebuilding of the Court House; and being informed that a committee from Washington were in attendance, who desired to submit to the Police Jury certain propositions, recognized Mr. Phil. Jacobs, the chairman, who called upon Mr. Kavanagh to state their case.

Mr. Kavanagh having done so, was followed by Mr. Schwing, in behalf of the town of Washington.

Mr. H. L. Garland then replied to these gentlemen and read to the Jury the law governing them in such cases, made and provided, and proceeded to instruct them as to their bounden duty under the law.

Mr. F. F. Perrodin and others also spoke on the subject.

On motion, the Jury took a recess until 3 p. m.

Upon reassembling, there was found, in addition to the aforesaid members, Mr. S. W. W. Taylor.

The public was asked to retire.

After consultation and deliberation, Mr. Perrodin offered the following, which was seconded by Mr. Clark, and adopted:

Whereas, the Court House of the parish has been destroyed by fire; and

Whereas, the law makes it the bounden duty of the Police Jury to provide a Court House at the seat of justice; and

Whereas, there is urgent necessity to provide for a proper building for the various Courts which the laws direct, shall hold sessions in Opelousas during the spring and the summer; and

Whereas, there is not to be found any such proper building now erected.

Therefore be it resolved, That a committee composed of Albert Guidry, Edward Dubuisson, T. C. Chacheré, G. W. Hudspeth, C. C. Duson, J. O. Chacheré, T. S. Fontenot, Frank Wharton and Joseph Frozard, is appointed for the purpose of taking steps to procure plans, specifications and bids for the rebuilding of the destroyed Court House; and said committee will report its proceedings to the Police Jury at its next regular meeting, and resolved further, That the Police Jury solicit contributions to assist in the rebuilding of said Court House.

Messrs. Perrodin, Clark, Saizan and Chacheré having voted in the affirmative, and Messrs. Haas, Dubuisson, Young and Taylor having voted in the negative, the President, Albert Guidry voted in the affirmative.

The President, Mr. Albert Guidry, is authorized to contract with Mr. F. F. Perrodin for the use of "Perrodin's Hall" in which to hold court.

The Police Jury adjourned to meet at its next regular meeting, the 12th day of April next.

ALBERT GUIDRY, President.

Attest:
P. J. LEFEBVRE, Clerk.

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Joseph Lassalle, Town Treasurer,
In Acct. with the Town of Opelousas.

RECEIPTS

From April 10, 1884, to March 25, 1886.

	Dr.
To am't. rec'd. for town taxes	$3114 28
" " " " market dues	1262 00
" " " " licenses	2447 00
" " " " fines imposed	237 50
" cash " from ex-Tr. A. B. Chacheré	3 15
Total receipts	$7063 93

DISBURSEMENTS

From April 10, 1884, to March 25, 1886.

	Cr.
By amt. pd. town officers, salaries	$2012 75
" " " " for contingent expenses	513 15
" " " " internal impr'vem'ts	2964 77
" " " " old existing debt	821 81
" " " to indigents	175 00
" cash on hand March 25, 1886	576 45
Total disbursem'ts. & cash on hand	$7063 93

OPELOUSAS, LA., March 25th, 1886.

I, Joseph Lassalle, Treasurer, Town of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct.

JOSEPH LASSALLE, Town Treasurer.
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NOTICE
Of Intention to Introduce Local and Special Acts at the next Session of the Legislature.

To the People of the Parish of St. Landry:

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that at the ensuing session of the Legislature beginning on the second Monday of May, 1886, an act will be introduced for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the qualified electors of the different Police Jury wards of the parish of St. Landry to vote for and elect, at the next general State election, their respective members of the Police Jury of said parish. Said act to provide for the election of said Police Jurors at each recurring State election thereafter, and for the manner in which said elections shall be proclaimed and held, it being the intention to have proclamation made and the election held at the same time and manner as is required for general State elections.

The people will further take notice, that another act will be introduced to make a special appropriation for the purpose of rebuilding the levee across the mouth of Bayou Rouge, and to provide for the mode of its disbursement. mch27

ATTENTION COMPANY.

THERE will be a quarterly muster and inspection of Co. "A" St. Landry Reg't. S. M. F., on Sunday the 28th inst., at half past three o'clock p. m., on the public square, and all members are ordered to be present to answer to their names. All of those members who have their arms and equipments will bring them at the inspection. By order of

E. SUMTER TAYLOR, Captain.
A. DIETLIEN, Orderly Sergeant.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4702

ESTATE OF HELOISE DAIGLE.

Whereas, Joseph Olivier, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Héloïse Daigle, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry;

Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment will file the same in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present notice.

JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk.
Mar. 27, 1886.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE.

District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4388

ESTATE OF MARIE LOUISE LEDOUX.

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 Courthouse in Opelousas, on *WEDNESDAY*, the 7th day of April, 1886, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Marie Louise Ledoux, deceased, late of St. Landry, to-wit:

The plantation on which the deceased last resided, situated about eight miles from the town of Opelousas, La., on the Plaquemine Ridge, containing about fifty arpents, more or less, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north by lands of Sosthène Lavergne, south by lands of Lucien Joubert, east by lands of Onézime Joubert, and west by lands of Mrs. James McClelland.

Terms and conditions.—To be sold on a credit of twelve months, purchaser furnishing bond and security according to law and paying all costs and charges in cash.

FRANCOIS JOUBERT, Administrator.
March 20, 1886.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

1st Justice's Court, Parish of St. Landry.
No. 35.

Alfred Barry vs. Solomon Loeb.

No. 38.

Solomon Loeb vs. Alfred Barry.

[CONSOLIDATED.]

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. to me directed by the Hon. B. A. Martel 1st Justice of the Peace in and for the Parish of St. Landry, to satisfy judgments rendered in the above entitled suits, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the plantation of J. B. Zacharie, near Opelousas, on *WEDNESDAY*, April 7, 1886, at 12 o'clock m., the following described property, viz:

1 roan horse, 28 head of hogs, 1 lot sugar cane, 1 corn mill.

Seized in the above entitled suits.
Terms—Cash.

J. B. ZACHARIE, Const. 1st. ward.
Mar. 27, 1886.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

4th Justice's Court, Parish of St. Landry.
No.——

W. C. Johnson vs. Pierre Robertson.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. to me directed by the Hon. C. Clay, Justice of the Peace in and for the 4th ward of the parish of St. Landry, to satisfy a judgment rendered in the above entitled suit, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the store of Jos. Camy, in Leonville, on *WEDNESDAY*, March 31, 1886, at 12 o'clock m., the following described property, viz:

One creole horse, about 20 barrels of corn in shuck.

Seized in the above entitled suit.
Terms—Cash.

ALEXIS MOREAU, Constable 4th ward.
March 20, '86.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

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

ESTATE OF CHAS. DEROZIER.

Whereas, Azeline Lemoine, of the parish of St. Landry, administratrix of the above entled estate, has filed a final tableau of said estate, accompanied by her petition praying for the homologation of the same;

And whereas, the prayer of said petition, for the publication of the notice of the same, has been granted by an order of court dated February 26, 1886;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE,
Feb. 27, 1886. 1-m Clerk.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

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

ESTATE OF JEAN DOUCET.

Whereas, Homer Barousse, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed a final tableau of said estate, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same;

And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date February 26, 1886;

Now therefore notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition in writing to said tableau and account, in my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, and to show cause, if any they may have, why said tableau and account should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE,
Feb. 27, 1886. 1-m Clerk.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

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

ESTATE OF DANIEL S. AVIS.

Whereas, John Daniel Avis, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the above named estate, has filed a final tableau of said thereof, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same;

And whereas, notice of filing of said petition and tableau has been ordered by an order of court bearing date February 26, 1885;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE,
Feb. 27, 1885. 1-m Clerk

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4698

ESTATE OF MARIE MELANIE JEANSONNE.

Whereas, Chas. Victor Guidat of the parish of St. Landry, natural tutor in the above entitled estate, has filed a final tableau of said estate accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same;

And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date March 25, 1886;

Now therefore notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition in writing to said tableau and account, in my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, and to show cause, if any they may have, why said tableau and account should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE,
March 27, 1886. Clerk.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

District Court, Parish St. Landry, No. 4366

ESTATE OF CHARLES TEAL, SR.

Whereas, Charles Teal, Jr., of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed a final tableau and distribution of funds of said estate, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same;

And whereas, notice of filing of said petition and tableau has been ordered by an order of court bearing date March 24, 1886;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE,
Mar. 27, 1886. Clerk.

FOR SALE.

A good second hand PIANO, thoroughly repaired lately. Price $85.00. Apply at this office. [25tf

DIED—In Opelousas, March 25, 1886, F. T. NICHOLS PULFORD, son of George Pulford and Eve Christman, aged 9 years, 2 months and 14 days.