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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Congress—Sixth District:

HON. E. W. ROBERTSON,
Of East Baton Rouge.

A large quantity of rice, cotton seed and other products are being shipped by our merchants, and by Messrs. Isaacs and Cummings at the Morgan depot.

A large bear was killed in the woods, near Long Point, a few days ago. Bruin had wandered a long way from his accustomed haunts, and was found in Mr. Lockley's corn field, eating corn, when he and his sons dispatched the marauder with buckshot.

The Hon. J. Massie Martin lost a little daughter, aged about six years, on last Monday evening at 6 o'clock. He took the remains down to New Orleans for interment by the T. & P. Railroad on Tuesday night last. We extend our sympathies to the family in their sore bereavement.

Senators Eustis and Gibson and Col. E. W. Robertson, Democratic candidates for Congress in this district, reached Opelousas on Thursday night on a special train and addressed the people at 10:30 o'clock. The early hour at which we go to press precludes our giving even a résumé of their excellent addresses. We will endeavor to do so next week.

Rev. Geo. W. Tomkies, a young minister from Virginia, a graduate of Randolph Macon College, Va., and also of the Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at this place. He will hold services to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 7:15 p. m., and regularly thereafter on the third and fourth Sabbaths in each month, morning and evening.

The Daily States, one of the best Democratic papers published in the South, is in a justly flourishing condition. To supply the increased demands of its patrons, a new and latest improved press and new type have been purchased, the form changed, and the paper greatly enlarged and improved in shape and typographical appearance. We wish the States the most abundant success in the future.

The attention of our readers, and the ladies in particular, is directed to the advertisement of Mrs. D. Lane, in another column. Mrs. L.'s stock of new millinery is very stylish and elegant and quite extensive; it is, besides, well assorted, having been carefully selected from some of the largest establishments in New Orleans and New York. All contemplating the purchase of fashionable millinery are advised to give her a call and examine her beautiful stock.

WEATHER AND FARM.—Light showers have fallen again during the past week, and there is no damage except to cotton beaten on the ground by last week's wind and rain. Some planters near town (and perhaps in the country) are slow in gathering their cotton, and if they do not hurry up will lose that lying on the ground, from rot and sprouting of the seed, besides the damage done that in the open bolls from stains caused by the dew and occasional showers. The crop is a short one and farmers should be brisk in picking to save all they can from the prospective damage of bad weather.

PERSONAL.—Masters W. J. Sandoz and Louis Desmarais, Jr., of Opelousas, left on last Sunday's train to attend the High School at the Tulane University in New Orleans.

Messrs. E. P. Dejean, Gabriel Dejean and the venerable Felix Djeann went on a pleasant hunt last week, near Long Point, but found the birds scarce and wild. Only one was bagged.

Our young friend B. A. Littell of Opelousas, and Saizan of Barry's Landing, left last week to attend Medical Lectures in New Orleans. These young gentlemen are room-mates and have their surroundings quite pleasant during their absence from home.

THE STORM AT SABINE PASS.—As further details are received from Sabine Pass and Johnson's bayou, adjacent thereto, the disaster and deaths from the cyclone of Tuesday of last week become horrible and heartrending in the extreme. According to the number of inhabitants—about seven or eight hundred—the loss of life and property exceeds that of any known in the history of the United States. It is now known that 300 persons were killed and drowned, while sixty others yet missing and to be accounted for. The material loss included whole families. The waters of the gulf were blown back a distance of 40 miles through the swamps, and hundreds of thousands of acres are still submerged by water that was forced back and has no outlet. Thousands of thousands of drowned cattle, horses, hogs and fowls are strewn everywhere, and clouds of seagulls and buzzards hover over the desolate country. Relief boats were sent out and took the survivors to Galveston, and other small craft took some to Beaumont and Orange. Money and provisions are being sent to the ruined and storm-stricken people from different portions of the country. Sabine Pass and the intermediate country is left a desolate, ruined waste.

Dr. A. J. Bercier has removed his office to the corner of Landry and Union streets, in the rear of J. Meyers & Co.'s store. See advertisement.

Trainer & Russell's Sash Factory, Washington. Send for price list.

General Notes.

The Supreme Court of the State is in session at Shreveport.

Mike Charley, the prize fighter, died at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans on Sunday last.

The Knights of Labor have been holding a general session of that body for several days past in Richmond, Va.

Mexico is threatened with revolution again. Rebellions are so common in that country that it is a chronic complaint.

The Balkan crisis is not solved yet. Russia is still very dictatorial about the kind of government and ruler Bulgaria is to have in the future.

A small riot took place in Chicago on last Tuesday in which two of the mob were mortally wounded by the police before they could be dispersed.

It is estimated that the corn crop of the United States will fall short 350,000,000 bushels of what it was last year. The shortage is due to the extensive drouths over a large area of the country.

Reports show that there is very little or no chance for ex-President Arthur to be restored to perfect health. His stay at New London has done him but little or no good, and it is only by close treatment that he keeps up.

Assumption Pioneer. We see that Paul Tulane has recently added another gift of \$50,000 to his already magnificent donation to the Tulane University of Louisiana. Such philanthropy is to be admired.

Capitolian-Advocate, Oct. 20: The colored people of New Iberia held a very successful educational convention there last Saturday, and a large amount of money was collected to build a house for a school in which higher branches are to be taught.

East Feliciana Patriot-Democrat: The Morehouse Clarion favors Gov. McEnery's re-election to the position he now occupies. Political opinions declare that the Governor aspires to succeed Gen. Gibson as U. S. Senator from Louisiana.

The Caddo planters met in Shreveport last week for the purpose of organizing a Planters' Association. A committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws was appointed and the meeting adjourned to the 25th inst., when a permanent organization will be effected.

In a letter to the Baltimore Sun ex-President Jefferson Davis has effectually destroyed the malevolent statements that Gen. Sherman had been circulating about him and other prominent Southern leaders. Mr. Davis' refutation is a crushing one, and it leaves his vindictive persecutor in a very unenviable light.

Yesterday afternoon, at his home, Rustelie, La. Dr. J. H. Cunningham, passed from this life, after an illness of thirty days. The deceased was widely known and highly esteemed, both as a minister and as editor of the Rustelie Reporter. He was the father of the present Attorney General, Hon. M. J. Cunningham. —N. O. Chronicle, Oct. 19.

The pressure of political excitement (or possibly election fever), was so high in Rayne last week that the Signal and Sentinel printers jumped a number in making up. The former being No. 32 instead of No. 31; and the latter, No. 5 instead of No. 4. Go slow, boys, or you'll get a form next time! —Abbeville Mercurial, Oct. 16.

N. O. Chronicle: Hon. C. Newton, Democratic nominee for Congress, Fifth District, in his speech to a large audience at Bastrop, said that, with a few modifications, he was strongly in favor of the Blair bill. Hon. E. J. Gay, nominee in Third District, has always been a strong advocate of the bill. Keep the ball rolling. Combustible statesmanship demands schools for the educable children.

At Sumter, South Carolina, on the 14th inst., a successful test was made of the cotton-picking machine of the Mason-Common Harvester Co., invented by T. C. Mason, in the presence of the committee from the New York and Charleston Cotton Exchange, and representatives of the State Agricultural Department. The machine picked cotton at the rate of 150 pounds per hour without injury to the bolls or plants.

Since the Lafayette Advertiser took the initiative in starting the gubernatorial ball-rolling by mentioning Hon. Henry L. Garland for our next Governor, other journals have brought forward their respective favorites. Among the number are Hon. J. C. Modicore, of Caddo; Dr. Jones, of East Feliciana; W. J. Behan, of New Orleans; L. M. Watkins, of Webster; J. Ben Kirkman, of Calcasieu, and James Jeffries, of Rapides. —Rayne Signal.

Baton Rouge Truth: We hear it rumored that an attempt will be made to bring out Judge Yost, of Pointe Coupee, as the Republican candidate to contest this District with Col. E. W. Robertson. As the Judge is a man of good judgment, we doubt very much that he will attempt so futile a thing. The District is strongly Democratic, and it will send Col. Ed. to represent its people in Congress. The total amount of poll-taxes collected by Deputy Clerk Hammett during the jury term of court just ended, from witnesses and jurors, run up as high as \$274.50.

The epidemic which has been prevailing at Blot since last August has been pronounced yellow fever by a board of experts sent from New Orleans. A rigid quarantine has been established against the place.

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Two Democratic Nominees.

The Democratic candidate for Congress from the First District, nominated after the hardest and closest struggle ever known in a Congressional convention in this State, is thus described by the Times Democrat:

Theodore S. Wilkinson, the nominee, was born in 1847 in Plaquemines parish. His father is Dr. J. B. Wilkinson, who was a member of the secession convention, and is a prominent politician in his parish. The nominee is a great-grandson of Gen. George James Wilkinson, U. S. A., who arranged with Napoleon for the purchase of the Louisiana territory. He graduated at Washington College in 1869, where he was a classmate of Cliff R. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, as well as other prominent Southern Congressmen.

In 1872 Mr. Wilkinson actively entered Louisiana politics as a member of the State Central Committee, and was an active member thereof during the campaigns of 1874, 1876, 1878, 1880, 1882. He was a candidate for Congress in 1884, and was defeated by Col. Louis St. Martin, whom he afterwards supported. He was the successful candidate before the liveliest and longest congressional convention ever held in Louisiana.

Of Hon. M. D. Lagan who was unanimously nominated by the recent Democratic Convention, of the Second Congressional District of this State, the Times-Democrat says:

The nominee is an old merchant and manufacturer, and a sterling Democrat. He has had much experience in public affairs—of late as a member of the Convention of 1879, in the deliberations of which body he took an active and prominent part; and subsequently as a member of the Board of Aldermen, of which he was the president from 1882 to 1884. He is a strong friend of Mississippi river improvement, and a firm supporter of the policy of protection to struggling American industries. His personal popularity and political views insure him a large vote, and it goes without saying that Mr. Lagan will represent the second district in the Fiftieth Congress.

A \$20 Holiday Prize.

The readers of this paper are offered a prize of \$20 Twenty Dollars in reward to the person making the greatest number of words out of the letters contained in the three words "HAWLEY'S CORN SALVE." The same letter must not be used but once in forming a word unless it is contained more than once in the three words. Plurals, names of persons and places not allowed. Use Webster's Dictionary without supplements as authority. Each contestant will please enclose 25cts in stamps or postal note, for a box of Hawley's Corn Salve Contest closes December 1st, 1886. Name of winner and number of words mailed to each contestant. The contest will be conducted with the utmost care and fairness. Address your list to C. D. HAWLEY, Chemist, Salen, New York.

The cheap labor of the negro in the South puts a cheap shirt on the back of the workingman. The negro sells his labor on the best terms he can get, and manages to drive a better bargain than the white laborer, who dig iron ore at the North. But Mr. Blaine proposes to raise the market price of negro labor in the South without paying any more for cotton. He is going to raise it by political agitation. Mr. Blaine might as well try to raise John Adams by whistling Yankee Doodle over his grave. The prices of commodities, labor among the rest, are not fixed by word of mouth. If Mr. Blaine can make cotton very scarce and dear, or negro labor very scarce and dear, he can send up prices. —Philadelphia Record, Ind.

A NEW DEPARTURE.—With the month of May, 1886, The Library Magazine was changed from a monthly to a weekly. It gives more good "solid" literature, such as deserves the thought of cultivated people, than either of the great \$4.00 monthlies. Price \$1.00 a year. Specimen free.

For the nominal sum of 25 cents The Library Magazine will be sent three months on trial, beginning with the issue current at the time the order is received. It is believed that a brief acquaintance with the Magazine will secure many permanent subscribers at a fair price. Address John B. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl St., New York.

Of Theo. S. Wilkinson, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the First District, which action was brought about after the 25th ballot, the Times-Democrat says: Mr. Wilkinson is a young man, full of energy and vigor, an eloquent speaker, an earnest Democrat who has always supported the party and given his best efforts to it. Practical and business-like and identified with our most important agricultural interests, he is eminently qualified for the position of Congressman, and being energetic and ambitious, will make a name for himself in Washington and prove an able representative.

The State of Missouri adopted a high-license law about three years ago, and a marked diminution in the number of saloons has followed. The St. Louis Republican (Dem.) says: "In 1882 there were 3001 saloons in the State, paying in license an aggregate of \$547,000. The number was not large for a population of 2,300,000. Nevertheless, in four years it has been reduced nearly one-fourth, the number July 4, 1886, being 2300. The 2800 now in the State yield in license fees about \$1,500,000—nearly three times as much as the larger number yielded in 1882."

We understand that the supper given by the Association of Catholic ladies on last Tuesday night was the sum of sixty dollars. The night was an inimitable one, otherwise the receipts would doubtless have been much larger.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cts. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

The Jeanerotte Fair.

New Iberia Enterprise, Oct. 11.

The success which has crowned the efforts of the immigrants of the Atakapas Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association has been beyond all anticipations, and it closed its doors yesterday with the assurance of success in the future, for subsequent efforts depended very much upon the result of the first.

An interest has been awakened; the example has been set for the more timid, and from what we heard and saw yesterday, we know that exhibits next year will fairly crowd every inch of available space of the Fair grounds, and from this time on we may look for a commendable spirit of rivalry among the people of Southern and Southwest Louisiana to excel in the improvement of their stock and of agricultural products. Manufacturers of improved agricultural implements will have the opportunity—that they always grasp to advantage—of introducing them and showing their superiority. In fine, the Atakapas A. & M. Fair Association is destined to place this Eden of Louisiana on an equal footing with the most advanced of Northern or Western communities. It has at its head the men to do it.

What Good Roads Will Do.

With good roads, the average rapidity of travel with horse will increase. Much heavier loads will be hauled. Transportation will consume less of the farmer's labor and profits. Farms will greatly increase in value; and their nearness to market will not be essential as it now is. The average life of working and road horses, and of wagons and carriages of all kinds, will be much enhanced.

Mr. Louis Litle, whom many of our old citizens will remember, has opened a variety store at the stand lately occupied by Mrs. Laas, on Main street, next to H. Jagou's, where he sells on the installment plan a variety of household effects, such as clocks, looking glasses, bedspring, clothes-wringers, pictures, &c. We have known Mr. Litle for several years and believe him to be reliable and trustworthy in every particular.

THIS WILL CERTIFY

That two members of my family, after having suffered for many years from menstrual irregularity, and having been treated without benefit by various medical doctors, were at length completely cured by one bottle of Dr. J. Bradfield's Female Regulator. Its effect on such cases is truly wonderful.

J. A. W. STANGE,
Cartersville, Ga.
Treatise on "Health and Happiness of Women" mailed free.
BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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.

Will you suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

Danger! A neglected cold or cough may lead to consumption or other fatal disease. Strong's Peppermint Pills will cure colds by magic. Best thing for dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, or thousands like it.

MARRIED.—At the Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Oct. 16, 1886, by Rev. Father Jan, Mr. GUSTAVE CAHAIN, of Opelousas, to Miss EMMA AMY, of St. Martinville.

We extend our best congratulations to our worthy young friend Gustave and his fair bride, and trust that the measure of their happiness and prosperity may exceed even the bright hopes which now animate their young lives.

DIED.—At Plaquemine Ridge, Oct. 13, 1886, HENRY BOUDREAU, son of Elisia Boudreau and Cora McOlellan, aged 14 years.

The deceased was a boy of model habits and of decided promise to his parents and to his country. Everybody knew him as a good, quiet youth, pious in his training and in his inclinations, obedient and loving to his father and mother, strong in his attachments to his young friends and associates, and a general favorite in the community in which he passed his short but noble life. His family are sorely stricken in his untimely loss, and he will be lamented by a large circle of friends.

"Whom the gods love die young" is an old saying often verified in sorrow. We extend our sympathies to his bereaved relatives.

On Bayou Waxia, Monday, Oct. 18th, 1886, at 6:30 p. m., MARY VIRGINIA, daughter of J. Massie Martin and Emma Denegre, aged 5 years, 4 months and 9 days.

New Orleans papers please copy.

At Washington, La., on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, 1886, DANIEL QUINN, aged 73 years, 6 months and 10 days.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

Improved TOWN Property.
A BUSINESS STAND
With residence attached, new situated on one of the principal streets entering town, near the railroad depot, on a corner lot 200 by 125 feet. Will be sold on easy terms, or rented low. For particulars apply to this office. Opelousas, Oct. 9, 1886. If

NOTICE.

THE next regular meeting of the Central B. S. Landry Protective Live-Stock Association will be held at the school house in Bayou on the 24th Saturday of November, it being the 13th day of that month. By resolution passed at the last meeting, all the members with their families and invited friends, are requested to be present and bring with them refreshments suitable for the occasion. A fine dinner Mr. G. Jewett will address the meeting, upon a special topic of interest.

Oct. 20. A. DIMMICK, Sec'y.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

In accordance with Act 101 of the session of 1882, the following polling places are hereby designated, and the following Commissioners are hereby appointed to conduct the election to be held, for the purpose of electing a Member of Congress for the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 24, 1886:

Opelousas, at Courthouse (Perrodin Hall); commissioners: E. S. Taylor, Ant. Deitelin, C. Morinville, jr.

Plaisance, at Blackshear's store; commissioners: W. M. Haw, J. C. Vandy, Otis Collins, Dupre.

Waxia, at School House; commissioners: E. D. Martin, R. Dunbar, J. L. Young.

Negro Folly, Goden's store; commissioners: D. D. Hudspeth, T. A. Hicks, Lucius Thornton.

Atchafalaya, at Gordy Richard's store; commissioners: W. C. Gordon, Gordy Richard, Geo. N. McBride.

Lower Bayou Beauf, at Begg's store; commissioners: W. H. Begg, jr., J. Monroe Daniel, W. McLeod.

Upper Bayou Beauf, at D. A. Savant's store; commissioners: John Bacon, Homer Savant, Chas. Lafleur.

Big Cane, at Havid's store; commissioners: W. M. Haw, J. C. Vandy, Otis Collins, Bellevue, at School House; commissioners: C. M. Daly, Lucius David, A. Dimmick.

Grand Coteau, at H. M. Dunbar's store; commissioners: Theo. Sanval, O'Brien Elmer, H. M. Dunbar.

Coulee Croche, near P. D. Richard; commissioners: Pierre Woods, Honore Meche, Emile Legier.

Barry's Landing, at P. P. Saizan's store; commissioners: A. C. Devillers, A. Valin, Louis Meche.

Leonville, at School house; commissioners: Faustin Richard, Numa Robin, P. Mistrick.

Washington, at Town Hall; commissioners: E. P. Goodwin, G. R. Baillet, R. P. Williams.

Old Grand Prairie, at Paul Saiz's store; commissioners: Ls Lafleur, Arceus Fontenot, Alf Saiz.

Bayou Chicot, at Sam Haas' store; commissioners: Jas. Martin, A. J. Suddeth, T. L. Scott.

Bayou Chicot, at Dossman's store; commissioners: Homer Savie, L. Dossman, Chs. Dossman.

Mallet, at Sullice's store; commissioners: Ed. Dejean, Lucien Joubert, Jean Lejeune.

Church Point, at Barousse's store; commissioners: H. Barousse, H. D. McBride, D. B. Hayes.

Plaquemine, at H. M. Andrus' store; commissioners: Robt. Sloane, Robt. M. Andrus, Officer Lyons.

Rayne, at Town Hall; commissioners: T. P. Bowden, B. H. Hamon, Henry Andrus.

Pointe-aux-Loups, at C. S. Cart's; commissioners: Y. Sensat, Ls Cart, M. Pousson.

Mermentau, at Maignud's; commissioners: Charles Duhon, L. V. Fremance and Jean Pierre Frange.

Ville Platte, at Emile Tate's; commissioners: Ben Lafleur, E. V. Vidrine, O. Darcau.

Chataignier, at P. Lafleur's; commissioners: Dorville Lafleur, Thos B Fontenot, H. Atlay.

Mammoth, at J. J. Landreth's; commissioners: J. B. Saucier, J. H. Gullory, Lucius Bacon.

Faquettaque, at Honore Fusillier's; commissioners: David Courville, jr., H. Fusillier, W. R. Ashford.

Genessee, at Mammoth, at Z. Vidrine's; commissioners: H. P. Fontenot, jr., W. Ashford, Agnelle Fontenot.

Prud'homme City, at T. C. Chachere's; commissioners: E. H. McGee, Angelas Savie, D. Courville, jr.

German Settlement, at Z. Huber's; commissioners: Z. Huber, Jas. Litle, Dan Rose, Morrow Station, at Mixer's store; commissioners: E. Mixer, E. Morrow, P. Calahan.

West Melville, at Jack Satterly's; commissioners: Jack Satterly, L. J. Dodge, William Dunbar.

Beaver Creek, at school house; commissioners: A. M. Godwin, Wm. M. Fish and John Bond.

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NEW MILLINERY

MRS. D. LAAS,

Main Street, Opposite Littell's Drug Store,

OPELOUSAS, LA.,

Has just received from New Orleans and New York a large stock of Millinery, and now offers to the ladies one of the

Best Assorted Stocks

ever brought to Opelousas. Among the leading articles will be found the latest and neat est styles in

HATS AND BONNETS,

Caps, Fancy Feathers, Plumes, Tips,

RIBBONS, SATINS,

Velvets and Novelties in Velvets

ZEPHYRS, GLOVES, NOTIONS,

Satchels, Perfumery, Etc., Etc.

PRICES VERY MODERATE.

Oct. 16

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

BY virtue of a proclamation issued by his Excellency, S. D. McEnery, Governor of the State of Louisiana, in accordance with law, all the qualified electors of the parish of St. Landry, in said State, are hereby notified that an election will be held on

Tuesday, November 24, 1886,

for the purpose of electing one Congressman to represent the Sixth Congressional District of the State of Louisiana in the Fiftieth Congress of the United States of America.

The polls will be opened in each election precinct, in said parish of St. Landry, from the hour of 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, the day above mentioned, to-wit: Tuesday, November 24, 1886, for the purpose of receiving the votes of the qualified electors of the Parish of St. Landry, under the supervision of the Commissioners of election, appointed by the authority designated by law. The election to be conducted and returns made according to law.

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JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 473

ESTATE OF LASTIE DUPRE.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. the District 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 or any other duly qualified auctioneer, at the residence of Mrs. Edmond C. Dupre, in Prairie Plaisance, in the parish aforesaid, where the deceased has resided, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of