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OPELOUSAS:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1886.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Congress—Sixth District:
HON. E. W. ROBERTSON,
Of East Baton Rouge.

The rice crop of St. Landry this year was never known to be better.

The peanut crop this year is almost a complete failure.

Since the cold wave ducks have been coming in rapidly Jack-snipe are also making their appearance.

We had a white frost on last Thursday morning. Adieu to vegetation now. Thick clothing has been quite comfortable for the past few days.

Divine service with Holy Communion will be held at Epiphany P. E. Church by the Rev. C. C. Kramer on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 11 a. m.

The little 13 months old son of Rev. Mr. Jackson, the Methodist minister here, died last Thursday after a long and painful illness.

The Academy of Ascension opened last week in Donaldsonville with an attendance of over two hundred pupils. Opelousas needs an academy or high school and ought to have one too.

Remember Democrats, that the election for a Representative in Congress comes off next Tuesday, Nov. 2, and do not fall to go to the polls and deposit your vote for Col. E. W. Robertson, the nominee of your party.

Mr. E. C. Quirk's residence and kitchen, at Garland Station, with all their contents, were entirely destroyed by fire on last Wednesday night. Mr. Quirk has many friends in Opelousas, who sympathize deeply with him in his sad loss.

Gustave Biagas, residing at Plaquemine Point, has already deposited in the spacious waterworks of M. J. Perrodin for shipment 301 barrels of rice, and expects to make 12 bales of cotton, besides corn, potatoes, &c. Biagas is a colored man and his energy has secured bountiful crops every year, and he is now on the road to prosperity.

We hope that St. Landry will give Col. Robertson a large vote, even though he may not have any serious opposition. Our ward, particularly, should turn out in force, irrespective of party affiliations, and show him that we appreciate his pledges, made in his speech here last week, to work earnestly and faithfully in the 50th Congress for a U. S. building at this place.

Several subscription lists for the relief of the Johnson's Bayou sufferers have been circulated in Opelousas, and we learn that Mr. B. Martel has collected \$74.50 and Judge Moore \$25.00, and that the Social Club has contributed \$20.00, which amounts have been forwarded to the N. O. Times-Democrat. Other lists are being circulated, and we believe no nobler charity could enlist the sympathies of our people.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Father Peubier of Ville Platte gave our office a pleasant call on last Thursday morning.

We are pleased to learn that our esteemed old friend Dr. Debillion, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Mr. F. F. Petrodin, who has been sojourning for several weeks at the Pointe-aux-Loup Springs, returned home on Thursday, much improved in health.

EXHIBITION AT VILLE PLATTE.—On Saturday, the 6th of November, the renowned Professor Amédée Barbès will give at Ville Platte a grand magical and wonderful performance of prestidigitation, for the benefit of the Catholic Church at that place. The Professor's extensive programme includes a great number and variety of astonishing feats, that will amuse and instruct both the young and the old. Following this, on the 9th, 10th and 11th of November, the celebrated Prof. Parmentier will give a series of Stereoscopic exhibitions of marvelous interest and attraction, for the same laudable purpose of aiding and relieving the Catholic Church at Ville Platte. These performances will all be quite interesting and entertaining, and while visitors will be amply compensated in enjoyment for the money they spend, they will at the same time give much needed assistance in relieving the Catholic Church. Give the exhibitions a generous patronage.

In his speech here last week, Col. Robertson, the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, promised the people that, if elected, he would diligently and earnestly labor for the passage of a bill providing for the erection of the long talked of U. S. Courthouse and Postoffice at this place. If Mr. Iron does not succeed this winter in securing the adoption of the proposed measure—and he may not, owing to the short session—we have no doubt that next winter will witness the realization of our long deferred hopes on this subject, for our able, experienced and industrious friend will surely carry his point if success is possible. It will be a grand act for St. Landry and Opelousas especially to give "the old war-horse" a rousing majority in recognition of that promise, if for no other reason; and there are many more who should get the votes of all Democrats.

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Public Speaking.

According to previous appointment, the Hon. E. W. Robertson, Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, and Senators Enstis and Gibson addressed the citizens of Opelousas and vicinity at the Courthouse at 10:30 a. m. on Friday, the 22d inst. Judge B. A. Martel presided over the meeting, with Judge Jos. M. Moore and Hon. H. L. Garland as Vice-Presidents. The "old Democratic war-horse"—Col. Robertson—was the first speaker, and after paying a glowing tribute to the ladies—a number of whom were present to animate the sterner sex—alluded to the days of his youth when he was a schoolboy in Opelousas. After this brief and pleasant retrospect he returned to the direct political issues of the day, and admonished his audience of the imperative necessity of Democratic success in this campaign as an essential preliminary step toward solidifying and unifying the party for victory in the approaching campaigns of 1888, which would perpetuate Democratic supremacy and constitutional government both in the State and country at large. His speech was replete with wise suggestions, and Democratic voters as to the effect of thorough organization and the corresponding duty of citizenship in doing full duty at the polls. And right here we would remark, that while it is probable that Col. Robertson may have no opposition from the Republicans in the district, yet it should be the aim of our Democratic leaders to bring out the full Democratic vote of the parish, and give our able and worthy nominee such a rousing support as to show our political adversaries that we are not asleep, but have our strength fully marshalled for any emergency. Senator Enstis made a brief but powerful address upon our national politics, the necessity of harmony and confidence between representatives and their constituency, and was listened to with marked attention and pleasure by the audience. Senator Gibson made the closing speech, and in his usual eloquent and sane manner counseled unity and harmony in the party, and to never lose sight of the fact that Democratic success was absolutely essential to the peace and prosperity of the South. He said there was too much apathy and indifference among the people in regard to the great political issues of the times; that they should inform themselves more upon such questions, and that with increased enlightenment upon such topics they would take greater interest in using the elective franchise to perpetuate a good government, peace and prosperity within our borders. The speeches were all to the point and full of advisory counsel to our people. We trust their words of advice will be remembered and heeded, and that in the approaching election every Democratic voter will do his duty in a patriotic manner.

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Homicide.

On last Tuesday, about 2 o'clock p. m., a rencontre took place at Rayne between David M. Bull and Dr. J. F. Morris in which the former was instantly killed. The difficulty was the result of an old feud growing out of two previous shooting scrapes in one of which Bull severely wounded Morris. Since that time bitter feelings have existed between them, and we learn that lately the deceased had made open threats that he intended to kill Morris, and on the day of the homicide was attempting to carry his threats into execution when Morris opened on him with a double barreled shot gun, breaking Bull's right arm at the first shot so that he could not draw his pistol and return the fire before Dr. Morris discharged the contents of the second barrel of his gun into Mr. Bull's body. We learn that Dr. Morris fired two or three more pistol shots before Bull was killed. Dr. Morris immediately surrendered himself. We give these statements as related to us in the absence of more explicit evidence elicited by a preliminary examination. Dr. Morris was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2000 on a charge of manslaughter to await the action of the Grand Jury of the next term of the Criminal Court. Under present circumstances we forbear making any comments upon the unfortunate case.

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CORINNE MILSTED.
Opelousas, Oct. 2, 1886.

FOR RENT.

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JUDICIAL NOTICES

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 by other duly qualified auctioneers, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Lastie Dupre, deceased, to-wit:

1. Property situated in the town of Opelousas, near the railroad, consisting—1st, a fraction of a lot of ground adjoining the railroad ground, bounded west by said railroad ground, south by a piece of ground purchased by the town of Opelousas and used for the purpose of a highway from the railroad depot to the street, and bounded east by street known as Bayou Rouge, and bounded north by a continuation of Grégoire street; and 2d, a square of ground on the east of the above described, bounded on the west by said Grégoire street, and bounded north by a street called Liberty street or — street, and north by said Grégoire street, with buildings and improvements thereon, the whole purchased by Mrs. Cyprine Dupré. This square will be sold in four lots.

2. A certain tract of land situated in the Big Cane swamp in the parish of St. Landry, being the same acquired on the 14th day of October, 1868, from John J. Clow, as appears by record in the Alienation Book T, 102. The land in said act is described thus: 1st, the north-west quarter of the north-east quarter and the south-east quarter of section No. 33, and the north half of the south-west quarter, and the south-west quarter of the north-west quarter of section No. 34, in Township No. 3, south range No. 5 east, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing three hundred and twenty acres and forty-one hundredths acres; 2d, the south half of north-east quarter of section 33, in Township No. 3, south range No. 5 east, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing one hundred and forty-five hundredths acres; 3d, the north-east quarter of north-east quarter of section 34, in Township No. 3, south range No. 5 east, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing one hundred and sixty and sixty hundredths acres.

3. The interest, to-wit, an undivided portion in a certain body of land in the parish of St. Landry, Dupré acquired at the succession sale of the property of Louis Hébert; said undivided portion being the four-tenths part of the following: north-east quarter of section 34, in Township No. 3, south range No. 5 east, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing eighty-seven acres; south-east quarter of section 29, containing one hundred and sixty acres; east half of north-east quarter of section 29, containing one hundred and twenty acres; north-west quarter of section 30, containing forty acres and twenty-three hundredths; and one-eighth of section 30, containing twenty acres, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana. The other owners of the other undivided portions are: John Meller, and Charles J. O'Connell, deceased, and Charles J. O'Connell.

4. A certain tract of land in the same subdivision as the above, containing one hundred and one and forty-seven hundredths acres, and being the south-west quarter of section 34, in Township No. 3, south range No. 5 east, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing one hundred and sixty and sixty hundredths acres.

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6. A tract of land in the same subdivision as the above, containing one hundred and one and forty-seven hundredths acres, and being the south-west quarter of section 34, in Township No. 3, south range No. 5 east, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing one hundred and sixty and sixty hundredths acres.</