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OPELOUSAS:
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Dr. Ford has pleaded guilty of manslaughter and his friends look to the Board of Pardon for relief.

There will be no trouble between the United States and England on the Canadian fishery question. That matter will be settled amicably by a joint commission of the two governments.

We hear that matrimony is on the boom in our town and the vicinity. Like the birds who woo and mate in the spring, several of our young people are said to contemplate building nests in the near future.

A tiger-cat (short-tail catamount or jaguar) measuring 3 feet 10 inches long by tip to tip (tail about 6 inches long) and weighing about 50 pounds, was killed by Mr. Jos. U. Roy a few miles from town last Sunday morning. This animal was one of the largest of its kind ever killed here.

A telegram from Rayne to the Times-Democrat, dated Feb. 1st, says: Tom Laughlin, while crossing the Long Point bridge, just twelve miles northwest of this place, was assassinated by some unknown party or parties last night. Sheriff Dason went to the scene of the murder this morning.

At the election of officers of the Opelousas Social Club held Feb. 3d, the following were elected, viz.: Alphonse Levy, President; A. J. Bloch, 1st Vice-President; L. E. Littell, 2d Vice-President; Alfred Dupré, Recording Secretary; Robert Firnberg, Financial Secretary; Ant. Dietlein, Treasurer.

According to the returns in the office of the Secretary of State, St. Landry (including Acadia) has 10,821 voters, 10,468 of whom are of native birth, and 353 of foreign birth; 6024 white; 4807 colored; 3390 white voters sign their names and 2634 make their marks; 411 colored voters sign their names and 4396 make their marks.

PERSONAL.—F. F. Perrodin, Esq., who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is now up and ready for business, which will be welcome news to his numerous friends and clients.

Ex-Senator Fontenot was in town this week, looking the very picture of health. He says his neighbors want a new parish.

Dr. W. A. Robertson was reported to be very ill a few days ago, but we are pleased to learn that he is now much better.

Under the provisions of Section 40 of Act No. 98, all taxes unpaid on the 31st of December of each year bear interest at the rate of 2 per cent per month till paid, and the taxpayers must also pay the Recorder's fee for the cancellation of the mortgage provided by law. Delinquents must bear this in mind and hasten to settle their dues, as proceedings will soon be instituted by the collector to enforce by law the payment of same.

TO PLANTERS.—During the past few days a number of white men have called at our office asking for work. They expressed themselves as willing to do any kind of labor that would give them employment to make a living. If our farmers are needing more laborers and will leave word with us, we might be able to send them help, besides securing homes for those who are anxious to be making a support.

Mr. M. P. Young has sold his interest in the drug business here to Mr. M. I. Hamilton, of St. Mary, who has taken up his residence among us and to whom we extend a cordial welcome. The Morgan City Free Press says of our new citizen: "Mr. M. I. Hamilton is now located at Opelousas as a member of the firm of M. P. Young & Co., druggists and bankers. Mr. Hamilton has long enjoyed the confidence of this community, and deservedly so because of his temperate habits and upright and honest disposition in all matters. We wish him success in his new enterprise."

On Thursday morning the Catholic Church was thronged with a large concourse of our citizens of both sexes, who gathered there to witness the nuptials of Mr. Louis Desmarais, one of our most popular citizens, and Miss Octavia Prevot, one of Opelousas' most charming daughters. A merry party of friends accompanied them as far as Lafayette, returning on the evening train the same day, and the newly made pair went on their way rejoicing to spend a few days in the Crescent City. The Courier extends its congratulations and best wishes, and trusts that "life's rugged pathway" may always be as smooth and pleasant as their fondest hopes pictured it on that bright and sunny morning when they were made one.

The raffle for four prizes offered by Mr. C. Dietlein, the popular Union street grocer, to his customers, was drawn on the 1st, and the following numbers drew the prizes heretofore mentioned, viz.: No. 84 drew the first prize; No. 353 the dinner set; No. 2488 the lamp; and No. 2601 the wash-stand. One ticket was issued for each dollar's worth of goods sold, and the total number of tickets issued was 4223. The scheme was inaugurated Nov. 1st, and the above number of tickets represents only partially the amount of cash purchased at this favorite retail establishment for the space of three months.

We have received Father Ryan's poems, a perfect gem in sentiment and musical rhythm, and which should be in the hands of everyone who appreciates true poetry and musical numbers. It can be ordered through this office at \$2.00 per copy.

General Notes.

The Monroe Bulletin says that \$82,245 was spent during the year 1886 in that city for new buildings.

Wine has never been so cheap in Italy as at present. At Villacredo, in Sardinia, white wine is selling at the rate of five cents a gallon.

The people in and around Drake-town, Ga., are almost frantic over the discovery of a very rich gold vein near that place.

New Iberia Sugar Bowl: Sixty cents per day seems to be the figure pretty generally agreed upon for wages for field hands, which is about \$1, when house rent, fuel, garden, etc., are taken into account.

The following is an estimate of the output of Colorado mines in 1886: Silver, \$16,540,921; lead, \$5,123,296; gold, \$5,087,901; copper, \$1,372,570; total, \$26,734,688, an increase over 1885 of \$2,362,000.

Senator Blair is hopeful his educational bill will become a law at no distant day. The Knights of Labor and many organizations of colored people are preparing strong petitions to Congress for the passage of the bill.

The rapidity with which the public men who have been distinguished for a quarter of a century are disappearing emphasizes the fact that it is a new generation with fresher blood and newer ideas, which is moulding the destinies of the nation.—St. Paul Globe.

A volcano is said to be in active eruption in the mountains of West Virginia. A small river, near the base, has been completely blocked by rocks thrown into that vicinity are much excited about its future effects upon the contiguous country.

It is not often that a man jumps into National fame at a single bound. This Mr. Grady, the editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has done by his celebrated speech at the New England forerunners' dinner, and he is prominently spoken of as a good man to nominate for Vice President on the next Democratic ticket.

Morgan City Review: A gentleman from lower Terrebonne informs us that planters are paying their laborers this year 50 cents a day, retaining 25 cents per day, until end of the year. This leaves twenty-five cents to live on, which seems incredible. In that section it is mostly white labor, and the greater portion have gone to work on these terms.

Lake Charles Echo: For the year ending December 31, 1886, there was shipped from Vincent Settlement, in this parish, 1437 head of cattle, which were sold at an average of \$16 per head, making a total of \$23,002 distributed among the good people of that section. Still there are some who say it doesn't pay to raise stock here, as the profits are too small to pay for the trouble, notwithstanding the fact that the only expense attached to stock-raising in this section is in the gathering and branding of it.

CROWLEY.—Our readers are again reminded that on next Thursday, the 10th, the great sale of lands and town lots, advertised on another page, begins at Crowley. This new village is now experiencing a genuine boom. Seventy-five men are now at work building houses, planting trees and laying out ditches. Fifteen miles of ditches have been dug. The principal streets were made and leveled by means of machines, and the avenues ornamented with shade trees protected by neatly constructed, whitewashed boxes. About 4000 trees will be planted in all.

A goodly number of people have accepted the donations of lots and are already building, while others will start before the 10th instant.

Very low excursion rates have been secured, the fare for the round trip from Opelousas being only \$1.50. A special train has been secured to run on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst., the sales days, from Lafayette, leaving there at 8 a. m. and arriving at Crowley at 9 a. m., where they will lay over until 6 p. m. This train will run on each day of the sale. The object of this train is to accommodate passengers, so they can run back home and return the next day without inconvenience. They can return from Crowley to Lafayette or to train stations for 25 cents. They can on each day of the sale get the same rates between the two places.

Special arrangements have been made with the hotels at all the way stations between Crowley and Lafayette.

Our famous caterer Austin Lacombe, of the Eureka House, has consented to take charge of the cuisine of the Crowley Hotel during the days of sale.

WEATHER AND FARM.—Spring-like weather has prevailed for several days past and vegetation of all kinds has been growing like an April season. Peach and plum trees and many early growers are blooming out, grass is growing vigorously, and from appearances we would be led to believe that old Winter had abdicated his usual length of dominion to the mild and gentle reign of Spring. But it won't do to trust the old Frost King too far. He may be just taking a nap and wake up in a few days or weeks to blight everything that mother Earth breathed life into during his somnolence. A cold snap in March may cut off the premature fruit crop entirely. The past week has been propitious to the farmer, and with the energetic ones the plows have broken a great deal of land for the forthcoming crops.

The Acadia Sentinel in its last issue had two columns of matter in French. We congratulate our confrere on his liberal and progressive spirit and trust that his endeavors will be met by a liberal patronage from the people.

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The Interstate Convention.

A late letter from Gov. McEnery states that he will be present at the opening of the Convention at Lake Charles in February, and he has kindly consented to deliver the address of welcome to the distinguished visitors on that occasion. Gen. Leon Jastremski, editor of the Baton Rouge Capitulation-Advocate, and Major T. J. Bind, the Commissioner of Agriculture, will accompany the Governor and remain through the session.

The State Horticultural Society of Iowa has appointed its president, Hon. Silas Wilson, as delegate to the Convention. The editor of the Iowa Homestead and the editor of the Indiana Farmer have written that they will be present. Also Hon. L. S. Coffin, Railroad Commissioner of Iowa, will be on hand.

The Southern Pacific Railroad has generally offered a special train and reduced rates from all points on its line. The Illinois Central has also offered special rates.

A dispatch dated Dallas, Tex., Jan. 22, says: During the month ending today \$500,000 worth of real estate has changed hands in Dallas. In these transactions are a number of lots which brought a few hundred dollars seven or eight years ago and which sold from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The advance has been fabulous in every quarter of the town. There is not a vacant store or dwelling to be had and it is certain that half a million dollars' worth of new houses will be erected this year.

That wonderful financial wizard, Jay Gould, while here the other day, placed himself ten years ahead of the most advanced guesstimate of the future of Dallas, saying he expected to live to see it have a population of 200,000 people.

Most Excellent.

J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it as every opportunity." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, croup and every affection of the throat, chest and lungs. Trial bottles free at M. P. Young & Co.'s Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

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The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that the principal and accrued interest of \$13,887,000 worth of bonds will be paid at the treasury of the United States, Washington, D. C. on the first day of March, 1887, and that the interest on said bonds will cease on that day. There are now exactly \$40,000,000 un-called 3 per cent bonds outstanding.

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Items of Interest.

A project is on foot to build a railroad from Jeanerette to Abbeville.

Telegrams from Washington announce that Mr. A. L. D. Conrad has been appointed Post Master of Baton Rouge.

The Lake Borgne Outlet advocates have started a big contest to advance their theories and interests.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, colored, of this State, is being urged as minister to Liberia, a position made vacant by the death of Rev. Mr. Hopkins.

A girl working in one of the mills at Bid-douff, Me., is the thirty-second child of the same father and mother. Twenty-three of her brothers and sisters still live.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in New Orleans, worth \$280,740, and 53 parsonages, worth \$41,996. The value of the school property belonging to the denomination is \$27,000.

Alexandria Democrat, Feb. 3: In the U. S. District Court here on Monday the case of the United States vs. M. Satcher, for sending an obscene letter through the mails was tried. The accused was found guilty and fined \$100, in default of payment of which to be imprisoned for six months.

The State Agricultural Convention which met at Baton Rouge last week was a success. The following named gentlemen were elected officers: President, Geo. M. Foster, of Caddo; Secretary, E. L. Woodsee, of East Baton Rouge; Treasurer, W. Garig, of East Baton Rouge. St. Landry was not represented.

If the "reform" press of the State would urge a little more clogging in their parishes and have less to say in condemnation of Gov. McEnery for calling agriculture the great business of the State, they would do well to perhaps their subscription lists might take a bound.

A codfish war with the Dominion would be all the more ridiculous just as a time when Europe is preparing for war, and the American people are in a state of excitement, and Frye and Ingalls say we must have it, we suppose we must. It will dispose of the surplus question, and the reason for doing so is not a secret.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Dem.

N. O. Times Democrat: The Board of Administrators of Tulane University have purchased the property corner of Delord and Camp streets, in New Orleans, and have begun to erect a new building. The funds used were a portion of the \$100,000 recently donated to the Tulane University by Mrs. Newcomb.

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Virulent Twaddle.

The attempt of the Picayune to ridicule the Agricultural Convention at Baton Rouge and destroy its usefulness because it assembled under a pretension of the presence of Governor of the State, was a lamentable exhibition of unreasoning venom. The calling of this convention and the one to follow it at Lake Charles was a wise conception and the Baton Rouge agricultural societies that suggested it, and the Governor who, acting on their suggestion, gave it being, deserve the hearty commendation of the people of Louisiana.

In giving the countenance and support of his exalted position to this movement, so vitally important to the agricultural development of the State, the Governor, instead of being ridiculed and abused as attempting to make political capital by his action, should be warmly commended by our press and people. Even had he merely the awful villain the infuriated imagination of the Picayune depicts him, such wise and beneficial measures as he may attempt upon should be supported in the public interest.

That the Governor, in devoting much of his administration to the restoration of the forces, and in seeking to foster our agricultural interests, is a fact which is being belittled and abused as attempting to make political capital by his action, should be warmly commended by our press and people. Even had he merely the awful villain the infuriated imagination of the Picayune depicts him, such wise and beneficial measures as he may attempt upon should be supported in the public interest.

The States is not the champion of the Governor, and it has no other interest in the good name of his administration than that which every true Democrat shares. In the success of a Democratic government, and every patriotic citizen in the advancement of the common good. But we deprecate the ungrateful and ungenerous attacks of the agitators in the Democratic party are constantly manifesting toward the Democratic Governor of the State because he happens not to be their chief enemy. It is not a matter of party which dares to denounce any Democrat who does not belong to their exclusive set of "reformers" as a "ringer." No such spirit can do any good in the State, but it can produce bitterness, discord and factions in the first, and embarras and retard the latter.

HAVENVILLE, La., Jan. 31st, 1887.

Every branch of farm work is in a progressive state. The planters and farmers living along the Bayou and on Elm Bayou in St. Landry parish are now well advanced during the past three weeks.

Considerable land has been tilled, and bedded for early cotton planting. Cotton lands have been cleared of trash, and in some instances plowing has been going on preparing lands for the coming cotton crop, of which the best information at hand, quite a quantity will be sown on the 22nd inst. We have the best of all, there is a determination to prepare lands more thoroughly than has been the case heretofore. Better plows are being used, and the use of manure, and more manures are being banished out and spread on the lands. Many of our best farmers have not sold a cotton seed of last season's crop, and are now sowing a new crop of seed for manures. In England a ton of cotton seed meal cost about \$31.50; the manures from a ton of cotton seed meal after passing through the mill cost about \$22.50. This has been obtained by actual test and experiment; no guess work about it. Then, we ask, isn't it time that the southern farmer should have a knowledge of the true value of his cotton seed?

Business of pretty much every nature is moving forward steadily. Tenants and farm laborers appear to be in a cheerful and happy mood. There is an apparent feeling and hope that a better season of prosperity is near at hand for all classes.

Our village and the surrounding territory is gradually building up by opening new farms and places, etc. as quiet since the Sunday law went into force as a Quaker meeting house, and remind me somewhat of the Irishman that accidentally dropped into one of these silent Quaker meetings. Fat took his seat and was patiently waiting for the preacher, and he arose and exclaimed in a loud voice, "I have taken a daughter of the Lord." "Well," said Pat, "it will be a long time before we see yer father-in-law."

Major E. A. Burke, State Treasurer, reports to Gov. McEnery that he has made arrangements with the Catholic and Protestant Bishops of the National Bank of New Orleans, to carry the warrants issued for the charitable institutions of the State for the year 1887, the banks according to per cent of the face value, the interest not to exceed 6 per cent. The warrants are divided as follows, viz:

With Louisiana National Bank—Charity hospitals at New Orleans, appropriation \$10,000; Charity Hospital at Shreveport, appropriation \$10,000; Deaf and Dumb Institute at Baton Rouge, \$10,000; Louisiana Asylum at Jackson, appropriation \$50,000; Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, \$10,000; State Normal School at Natchitoches, \$13,000. Total, \$103,000; grand total \$193,750.

The consular general of the United States at Shanghai reports that \$21,260 has been contributed by Chinese citizens for the Charleston sufferers. With particulars of the earth-quake reached Shanghai, the Chinese residents there at once made up a fund, and it was suggested that the consular general should invite the Chinese to subscribe, but this offer refused on the ground that the insupportable suffering caused in Northern China by floods demanded the attention of charitable Chinese throughout the Empire. In Shanghai, especially, but calls for aid been most generously responded to. Notwithstanding this, certain Chinese took it upon themselves to solicit subscriptions for Charleston and raised the above amount, which was placed in the hands of the consular general to be forwarded.

The Shreveport Times prints the following list of names mentioned in the press or by the public for the promotion of the Assumption: 1. F. T. Nichols, of Assumption. 2. S. D. McEnery, of Ouachita. 3. John C. Monroe, of Caddo. 4. David Pierson, of Natchitoches. 5. M. J. Cunningham, of Natchitoches. 6. O. B. Steele, of Union. 7. C. H. Moore, of Richland. 8. H. L. Garland, of St. Landry. 9. M. J. Foster, of St. Mary. 10. E. A. Burke, of Orleans. 11. W. H. Jack, of Natchitoches. 12. James Jeffries, of Rapides. 13. Some eight or ten more from Rapides, names not yet ascertained.

You see I am sitting in a railway parlor car down in Maine waiting a postal card to a friend in Oregon. Now, if I can get that card to the mail car only seven car lengths ahead of me, the government will carry it 2000 miles for one cent. That is the long haul. But it costs me a quarter to get the porter to carry it to the postal car. That's the short haul. Then the porter looks at his watch and forgets all about the card, and that's the shrinkage. And there you have the whole transportation problem in a nutshell.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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The New Invasion.

The new invasion of the South continues, and as the Times-Democrat has been compelled, somewhat unvoluntarily, to say, not a few passes without a party of tourists, visitors invading this section for the purpose of inspecting its advantages. Yesterday the Western lumbermen's excursion, consisting of several hundred of the largest lumber dealers in the West and Northwest, were examining the splendid forests of Central Alabama; another party of several hundred from New England was being carried diagonally through the iron districts of Alabama and the pine region of Mississippi; while a third party of Iowa, Illinois and North-western capitalists was inspecting the resources of the Yazoo delta. This is the story of one day, and includes only the larger parties backed by large capital, making these investigations with a view to possible investments. Our Southern specials give account of numerous smaller parties touring through the South with a combination of business and pleasure in view, and as for single individuals, there is scarcely a Southern paper which comes to us without a number of persons telling how Mr. A. of New York, Mr. B. of Chicago, Mr. C. of St. Louis, etc., are inspecting the lands or water powers, and seeing the adaptability of the surrounding country for mining, factories, farming or stock raising.

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A Congressman from the East said in Washington, speaking of the interstate commerce bill: "It is a terrible blow to the railroads, and they fought it off as though it was a death-knell against pure Missouri, by sending whole armies of literature from the railroads against this measure. It came in the form of speeches of lawyers, interviews in newspapers, and prominent editorial matter, and the vendor's privilege to be retained on the land until full payment of the purchase price thereof, the interest which may accrue, and attorney's fees, fixed at ten per cent, or part thereof, which fees purchaser or purchasers bind themselves to pay; purchasers further agreeing not to sell, assign, or in any way encumber the land purchased to the detriment of the vendor's privilege and special mortgage retained by the estate, as above set forth."

G. L. DUPRE, Auctioneer.

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, the following described property, to-wit: A certain piece of property situated in the town of Grand Coteau, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north by land formerly belonging to John B. Guidry, east by land formerly belonging to widow Joseph H. Guidry, south by land of Mrs. Joseph H. Guidry, and west by land belonging to widow William Green; also, another tract of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at the same place, containing thirty-five superficial acres, more or less, bounded north by land of Mentor Andrus, west by land of widow William Green and Francis Andrus, east by land of Jean Joseph Rabalais and east by Mentor Andrus.

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