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OPELOUSAS:

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Our beautiful Courthouse is nearing completion.

Ducks and snipe are still abundant in our prairies.

A severe storm passed over the Northwest on last Saturday doing more or less damage in its track.

Owing to the recent illness of the Judge, the District Court will not open here until Monday, March 7.

There was no mardi-gras parade in Opelousas on last Tuesday. Everybody paid their respects to "King Cotton" in Washington on that day.

The prospects of an early war between France and Germany grow gloomy. It is said that Russia will remain neutral in order to watch and carry out her schemes in the Balkan provinces.

Fish are biting well in the small bayous, and the famed Caspergon is being caught in numbers with the line in the Courtaubeau. Some fine catches have been made by the Isaac Waltons of our town.

The solemn Lenten season began on last Wednesday, and the follies and festivities of the world will now be superseded, for the while, by fasting, humiliation and prayer among the Catholic Christians of the world.

A severe earthquake shook up the south of Europe last Wednesday, causing immense damage and loss of life in several cities of Italy and France. The loss of life at Cervara, Italy, is reported at 300 persons killed by being buried in the ruins of falling buildings.

The upper tributaries of the Mississippi are all booming, threatening much disaster on account of the ice gorges, and the "Father of Waters" is rising rapidly from this influx of spring floods. As usual, the question is asked: "Will the levees withstand an overflow?"

The Acadia parish election takes place next Tuesday. Besides the parish officials to be elected, the parish seat question is to be determined. Rayne, Crowley and Prairie Hayes are candidates for the much coveted position, and a spirited contest will be made over the matter.

The "Crowley Boom" proves what printer's ink can do to create a town and bring a country into notice. Let Opelousas pursue a similar course and see what results will accrue to the town as well as its vicinity. The place needs a boom to rouse it from its slumber, lethargic condition. Wake up business men! Wake up!!

The Weekly (San Francisco) Examiner suggests the name of the Hon. Wm. T. Coleman of California as a candidate for president of the United States in 1888. It pays a glowing tribute to his abilities and fitness for the exalted position, and pronounces him a man sans peur et sans reproche in every sense of the word.

The Opelousas Guards, Capt. E. Sumter Taylor commanding, have commenced drilling again. It is to be hoped that the members of the Company will manifest a proper interest in their organization by attending drill regularly. Don't remain "raw militia" all the time, but submit to military discipline, attend the meetings, learn the evolutions, and "right about face" like soldiers fitted for active service in the field. Be a "crack company" and be prepared to win encomiums as well as prizes in the annual State and interstate drills. There will be a drill and target shooting of the Company on to-morrow (Sunday evening) at 3:30 o'clock.

The Interstate Agricultural Convention met at Lake Charles last Wednesday with a splendid attendance of delegates and Judge L. S. Coffin, of Iowa, in the chair. Addresses of welcome were made by Gov. McEnery and Hon. Geo. H. Wells, of Lake Charles, which were fittingly responded to by Judge Coffin, Mr. Pinch of Texas and Prof. Gully of Mississippi, by State Commissioner Harris on "A Home in Louisiana," and interesting papers on "The Hay Crop in Louisiana," and "Agricultural Resources of Louisiana," by Mr. Mann of Jennings and Maj. Bird of Baton Rouge, respectively. The convention is a great success and will undoubtedly be productive of much benefit to the State. It probably adjourned Thursday evening.

**WEATHER AND FARM.**—For the past month the weather has been all that planters could ask for—mild, dry and generally clear. The rain a few days ago was just sufficient to keep the land in good plowing condition. The wide awake farmers are all well advanced in breaking cotton and corn lands; many have made their first planting of corn, and have been planted and are growing finely and everything points to an early planting of all crops for the ensuing year. If any farmers are backward in work, it is their own fault and cannot be charged to the seasons. Vegetation is almost as verdant as in April, fruit trees are all in bloom, gardens are green with growing vegetables, and the breath of early spring has already spread a rich garland of flowers to delight the senses. Will the chill blasts of March blight all this panorama of beauty?

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for consumption, loss of appetite, dizziness, and all symptoms of dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

## Mardi-Gras at Washington.

On last Tuesday his exalted Majesty King Cotton made his annual visit to his Capital City, Washington, amid all the pomp and eclat that could assure a triumphant entry and that could elicit the most striking testimonials of the love and fealty of his liege subjects in this portion of his extensive empire. Long before the appearance of his august personage and his long retinue of peers, dukes, nobles, guards, civic officials, ladies of honor, and household subjects, the streets were thronged with hundreds of eager people to catch a sight of the grand royal pageant and to join in a glad acclaim of welcome to the distinguished regal visitor. At 2:30 P. M. the grand procession began its march in the following order:

- Grand Marshal and Aids.
- United States Flag.
- Royal Corona Brass Band.
- Royal Guards.
- Royal Standard.
- King Cotton and Court.
- Banner.
- Fairy Queen and Attendants.
- Goddess of Liberty.
- Cotton Pickers Club.
- Crowley Boom.
- Banner.
- The New South.
- Royal Washington Brass Band.
- Banner.
- Queen of Lilies.
- Water Nymphs.
- Royal Calibumtion Band.
- Banner.
- Receptionists.
- Rip Van Winkle and His Dog.
- Mounted.
- Free Market.
- Nobles in Carriages.
- Grandees Mounted.
- General Followers.

We cannot go into a graphic and detailed description of the splendid appearance and *tout ensemble* of this grand parade. Suffice it to say, that in the elaborate decoration of the numerous floats, the conception of each theme was illustrated in a most attractive and artistic manner whether the subject was one of legitimate gravity, dignity, beauty, burlesque or comedy, and the nice adjustment of so various a programme combined so many elements of interest, jollity, and pleasure as to bring into play all those emotions which could possibly animate the full enjoyment of a complex multitude of curious spectators. The day was one of unmitigated pleasure to all of the visitors, and the Cotton Pickers Club are to be congratulated upon the entire success of their generous efforts to afford a gala time to the citizens of Washington and St. Landry. The grand ball at night, the crowning of the queen, the splendid and thrilling music, the presence of so much beauty and noble types of manhood conspired to make the closing events of the evening a most fitting and striking climax of this memorable occasion in our sister town of Washington. Long live King Cotton, and all honor and praise be awarded the Cotton Pickers' Club.

**PERSONAL.**—Editors Jastremski, of Baton Rouge, and Rockwell, of Wisconsin, attended the Lake Charles convention last Wednesday. Judge Manning has been confirmed as minister to Mexico. Judge Cohen, the Nestor of the New Orleans bar, died in that city last Wednesday. He had practiced law in New Orleans for nearly fifty years. We were pleased to meet Capt. L. S. Harvard, of Big Cane, in town on Thursday. He has in fine health and spirits and reports a boom in his neighborhood, everybody hard at work, with bright prospects ahead and signs of returning prosperity on every hand. Dr. P. J. Parker will leave next Monday with his family for San Diego, Cal., where he will reside permanently. The Doctor goes there for the benefit of his health, which was partially restored by a prolonged sojourn there last year, and carries with him the best wishes of all our people. Among the pleasant events of the Carnival week was the marriage of our friend and former townsman, Sol Bloch, to Miss Ida Loeb, the charming daughter of Mr. L. Loeb, of New Orleans. The ceremony which was performed at the residence of the bride's father, was simple but impressive, the feast sumptuous and elegant, and the presents quite numerous and exquisite. The happy couple reached their home at Lake Charles last Wednesday evening. We are glad to learn that Hon. G. W. Hudspeth, Judge of the 13th Judicial District, who was seriously ill last week, is much better. We understand that the Governor has granted him a leave of absence for three months in order to rest and recuperate his shattered health. We trust that our worthy Judge and esteemed citizen will soon recover his health, because the parish of St. Landry could ill do without the services of so able and conscientious a public official. We learn, however, that the Judge will open Court on Monday week, March 7, the opening of the term which was to have begun last Wednesday having been postponed until that date.

**Miraculous Escape.**  
W. W. Reed, druggist, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "One of my customers, Mrs. Louisa Pike, Bartonis, Randolph Co., Ind., was a long sufferer with Consumption, and was given up to die by her physicians. She heard of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and began buying it of me. In six months' time she walked to this city, a distance of six miles, and is now so much improved she has quit using it. Free Trial Bottles at M. P. Young & Co.'s Drug Store."

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

A. B. Chachere, at the Old Bank House, can furnish a good lunch, or a square meal, or comfortable lodging at living prices. Try him.

The new improved "Gem" Monthly Protector, or Ladies' Perfection Compound—the most extraordinary invention for women of modern times—sold by M. P. Young & Co.

## General Notes.

The Colored State Fair of Florida will open March 15th. It is thought that the "River and Harbor Bill" will pass Congress this session. Boston Corbett, the slayer of John Wilkes Booth, who shot President Lincoln, is in an insane asylum at Topeka.

There were five weddings at the Catholic Church last Thursday.—Lafayette Advertiser, Feb. 19.

A Chicago clergyman asks, "Can a man be a Christian and at the same time be a successful man?" He can if he advertises largely.—Pack.

A company has been formed by a number of capitalists of New Orleans, with a capital of \$50,000 to establish a factory for canning beef. The factory will be located in the parish of St. Bernard.

The withdrawal of two of the candidates for the office of clerk of court has narrowed down the contest for that office to two candidates. There are now two contestants for each of the parish offices.—Rayne Signal.

The press of the country, Republican and Democratic, are complimenting the President for vetoing the dependent pension bill. The American people never fail to admire a man when he has a backbone as stiff as a telegraph pole.—N. O. States.

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The Police Jury held a special meeting on Wednesday last to consider the proposition of the S. W. La. Land Co. to deposit \$5000 with the president of that body to be used for the construction of a courthouse at Crowley, if the popular vote of the people should locate the parish seat at that place. The proposition was accepted by a vote of three to two. A proposition from residents and property owners of Crowley, to obligate themselves to donate certain amounts in aid of its construction was also presented but no action was taken upon it.—Rayne Signal, Feb. 19.

That hacking cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

The telegraphic service afforded by the Baltimore and Ohio, is not only first class, but the office is meeting with success which is its just due. We are informed by the popular manager, Mr. N. B. Morris, that receipts amount to \$28 to date, and that everybody seems pleased with low rates quoted for messages. We entertain not the least doubt that the office will continue to grow in favor. We are also informed that the B. & O. has made a special rate via Western Union from New Orleans to Opelousas which will place that staid old town and our flourishing little city in communication with each other.—Acadia Sentinel, 19th.

**Saved His Life.**  
Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was, for many years, badly afflicted with Phthisis, also Diarrhea; the pains were almost unendurable and would sometimes almost bury him in his bed. He tried Electric Bitters and got relief from first bottle and after taking six bottles, was entirely cured and had gained in flesh eighteen pounds. Says he positively believes he would have died, had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by M. P. Young & Co.

Catarth cured, health and sweet breath secured, by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cts. Nasal injector free. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

The attention of those needing corn or saw mills, engines, water wheels, shafting, millstones, farm machinery or mill appliances of any kind is called to the advertisement of A. DeLoach & Bro., Atlanta, Ga., in this issue. This extensive and enterprising as well as thoroughly reliable firm guarantees the very best goods at the lowest prices. If you are disposed to patronize Southern industry, send for their circulars and prices before buying, and we think you will save money thereby. A circular may be seen at this office.

The assertion of Col. Hollingsworth that the election of Gen. Nicholls, "all differences and dissensions shall disappear, for the common good of the party and our State," will grate harshly upon the ears of that large body of Democrats whom Gen. Nicholls was pleased to call "the ring," while he was stumping the first Congressional District against Hon. Louis St. Martin, the Democratic nominee, and the Democratic Convention of "joining with the honest men of all parties, without distinction of color should they consent to unite to crush the power of the ring and give the masses of the people a voice in the primary elections and afterwards in the general elections." We have no doubt that the crushing process of the "crushers," but it would hardly work so well among the "crushed." The harmony racket would have sounded better, had it been coupled with the name of some gentleman who had never threatened to crush any body of the State Democracy.—B. R. Capitolian-Advocate.

## Some interesting Figures.

As some of our anti-State administration contemporaries have made the appropriations for the support of the Insane Asylum of complaint against the administration, we have thought proper, in order to enable them to discuss the subject intelligently, to apply them with the following statement of the amount expended for that institution, under the various administrations, since the year 1871, viz.:

Year	Amount
1871	UNDER GOV. WARMOTH, \$50,000
1872	50,000
1873	UNDER GOV. KELLOGG, \$50,000
1874	32,000
1875	21,000
1876	special, 10,000
do. for maintenance, 20,000	
1877	UNDER GOV. NICHOLS, \$25,000
1878	for furniture, 3,000
do. for blankets and clothing, 4,000	
do. for maintenance, 10,000	
1879	for repairs, furniture, and board, 10,000
do. for maintenance, 30,000	
1880	UNDER GOV. WITZ, \$50,000
1881	50,000
1882	UNDER GOV. McENERY, \$30,000
1883	from Jan. 1st to June 30, 60,000
1884	from ending June 30, 60,000
do. for completing buildings, 22,000	
do. for erecting buildings for female patients, 31,000	
1885	from ending June 30, 50,000
1886	from ending June 30, 70,000
1887	from ending June 30, 80,000

When it is remembered that since the beginning of Gov. Witz's administration, the total State tax has been six mills, and that prior to that time it reached as high as twenty cents, and that the increased appropriations made under the administrations of Govs. Witz and McEnery, are the more creditable. To accommodate the unfortunate inmates of the Louisiana Hospital, in the old Marine Hospital, in most pitiable condition, the Legislature under Gov. McEnery's administration, has appropriated \$75,000 to repair buildings in construction and to erect a new building for the female patients. Besides, has appropriated \$200,000 for the same purpose. We have been told that the present lack of room, despite the increased accommodations in the Louisiana Hospital, is due to the fact that idiots and weak-minded persons are kept there as well as insane persons, when the first rule of a hospital is to receive only the insane. It is clear, therefore, that the present administration has gone as far as its means will permit to make adequate provision for the insane. It is a pity that it has done so much for the insane, and that it has done so little for the education of the people.—B. R. Capitolian-Advocate.

**Dangers of Ignorance.**  
The Washington National Republican makes the figures we presented the other day in relation to the government in Louisiana, the basis of a strong and powerful appeal to Congress for an appropriation for educational purposes. The Republican answers the query about the constitutional right of the government to set aside money for the public schools with the following strong point: "If there is a right to protect its life. The great fundamental law of self-preservation not only justifies but demands Federal aid to education in the States and papers that would have this country without defense, either from within or without, from foreign or domestic enemies, Europe or Asia, or the danger of ignorance facing us in certain portions of the country. The South had some experience of this ignorance; learned what it was to have to fight in Louisiana, and the South will try to check its further growth. The Times-Democrat has pointed out that the ignorant are a majority in the South from 1868 to 1876, when unprincipled adventurers took advantage of the ignorance of the masses to bring in a new constitution, and our cities are blockaded or bombarded. Shall we wait to defend our republican institutions at home until ignorance and all the dangers it brings, are in a majority or hold the reins of power. The African race in the South from 1868 to 1876, when unprincipled adventurers took advantage of the ignorance of the masses to bring in a new constitution, and our cities are blockaded or bombarded. Shall we wait to defend our republican institutions at home until ignorance and all the dangers it brings, are in a majority or hold the reins of power. The African race in the South from 1868 to 1876, when unprincipled adventurers took advantage of the ignorance of the masses to bring in a new constitution, and our cities are blockaded or bombarded. 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