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OPELOUSAS:

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For District Judge.

We are authorized to announce L. I. TANSEY, Esq., as a non-political candidate for Judge of the 13th Judicial District, composed of the parishes of St. Landry and Acadia, at the next election.

Latest riding skirt—Mother Hubbard.

Attention is called to the advertisement in another column headed Lands and Town Lots for Sale.

The dramatic performance given by the Lafayette Social Club at Grand Coteau, last Sunday, is said to have been a perfect success.

We have been requested to state that a teacher can be procured by addressing J. G., Box Bayou Bridge Depot, New Orleans, La.

A considerable number of clerical and lay delegates left here on Tuesday evening's train to attend the conference of colored Methodists in session at Alexandria.

Mr. C. B. Andrus shipped a new bale of cotton from his plantation on the 4th inst. Several planters have commenced picking cotton, but the gins have not started operations yet.

An interesting "literary meeting" of the Opelousas Social Club was held at their hall last Tuesday night. Music, singing, recitations and readings were among the choice tidbits with which the select audience were regaled.

Caterpillars have appeared in several cotton fields throughout the parish. They are webbing up, however, and it will be three or four weeks before they do any damage. By the time the second crop comes the cotton will be almost done making.

At Bayou Petit Prairie, on last Saturday a colored man by the name of Jesse Good, a sort of hoodlum, while imposing upon and abusing a colored boy named Jerry Swezey, was cut in the neck and throat by the latter, inflicting a serious but not dangerous wound. Swezey was placed under bonds to appear before the next term of the District Court.

WEATHER AND FARM.—Local showers of rain have fallen throughout the parish during the past week, which will prove of much benefit to the cotton, rice, cane and potato crops. The cultivation of crops is about finished, and in a few more days cotton picking will be general. From the present outlook we think the cotton crop will be equal if not better than last year.

At the regular semi-annual election of officers of the Opelousas Social Club, held Thursday, August 11th, the following were duly elected to serve during the ensuing term:

Alphonse Levy, President; Isaac Roos, 1st Vice President; O. H. Terwilliger, 2d Vice President; Maurice Derpés, Recording Secretary; L. Salmonson, Financial Secretary; Jos. L. Cain, Treasurer.

The State Prohibition Convention meets in Alexandria next Wednesday, the 17th. The local papers assure us that ample provision has been made for the accommodation of all who attend, and we feel sure that every visitor will leave the progressive town on "old Red" with an exalted opinion of Alexandria's hospitality. We have partaken of it, and "know whereof we speak."

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—Mr. Zenon A. Fontenot, who resided in the western part of this parish, lost his life on Wednesday of last week under unfortunate and peculiar circumstances. He was returning from a hunting expedition, and while taking his gun by the muzzle from his wagon, the hammer caught on something and discharged the gun, the load passing through his body with fatal results.

Hon. T. J. Kernan, the chairman, has called a meeting of the Democratic Committee of the 6th Congressional District for next Thursday, the 18th inst., at Baton Rouge; the object of the meeting being "to take such action as may be deemed necessary for the nomination of a candidate for Congress from said district," to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Hon. E. W. Robertson.

A large force of carpenters are pushing to rapid completion the large building being erected for Messrs. Clements and Wilson near the railroad, in the western limits of the corporation. We learn they have purchased the large warehouse adjacent thereto, opposite Whitworth & Co.'s lumber yard. They will commence business early in September, and will buy largely in cotton, rice, cotton seed, and general country produce.

Texas gave over 100,000 majority against prohibition in the election on the 4th inst. It is said that ex-president Davis' letter opposing prohition, which was published a few days before, turned thousands of votes in favor of the antis. Many counties where local option obtained voted a majority in favor of the wet ticket. It was said to be the most exciting election ever held in the State.

Speaking of the road machine now doing good work in Taylor's lane, the Washington Argus says:

A good locality to try the merits of this machine would be on the road from this place to Opelousas. This road, although one of the most important in the parish, and largely traveled, is sadly out of repair and should be attended to at once. Will not the powers that be give us a chance to inspect the workings of the parish road machine on this road?

A disastrous drouth has been prevailing in the west, notably in Illinois and Michigan, and all vegetation is said to be parched up and crops ruined. Heavy forest fires, destroying thousands of acres of valuable timber, have been raging for many days. A great many farm buildings and dwellings have been destroyed, and farmers were unable to procure water to quench the flames. With woodlands and prairies on fire, houses, barns, hay, lumber and villages burning, a reign of terror has ruled that unfortunate, drouth-stricken country for many days past, and is still going on.

A Baton Rouge special of the 9th to the N. O. Picayune says: The congressional race in this district will be a lively one. Colonel S. M. Robertson, son of the late congressman, is a pronounced candidate and began an active canvass this morning. Hon. T. J. Kernan is much spoken of and will have many warm supporters should he decide to run. Judge Irion of Avoyelles is said to be a candidate and Pointe Coupee has two favorite sons. There are other parishes to be heard from.

The congressional committee has been called to meet here Thursday, Aug. 18.

The *Sunny South* will distribute over $500 in gold and valuable presents among its patrons on the 1st of October next. Some one of them will get $100 in gold, some $50 in gold, some $10, some $5, and some will get silver watches, sewing machines, breech loading shot guns, and valuable books. One single present consists of 27 handsomely bound volumes of all the household poets, Byron, Bryant, Burns, Browning, Moore, Longfellow, Poe, etc. This one present is worth $40.

Every one who subscribes for the *Sunny South* or renews his subscription (whether their time is out or not) before the 1st of October will have a showing at these presents.

Send to the *Sunny South*, Atlanta, Ga., for slips showing the plan of distribution. Everybody in the South should patronize the *Sunny South* for it is an honor to our section.

Dramatic.

We regret exceedingly that sickness in the family of this reporter prevented his witnessing the presentation of D'Ennery and Gorman's stirring drama in a prologue and four acts entitled "A Celebrat Case," by the Opelousas Social Club, at Perrodin's Hall, on the evening of the 4th of August, and that an extended notice thereof cannot be given of its rendition this week. Suffice it to say, that the amateurs interpreted their roles with such splendid histrionic effect that the entire audience was captivated, and the universal verdict given: "that it was one of the most brilliant amateur efforts ever witnessed in Opelousas." Some said that the acting equaled that of good professionals, and surpassed many who had made the stage their vocation for years. Yielding to the general wish of a delighted public, the Opelousas Social Club will repeat the play in a short time, due notice of which will be given. After the second rendition of the piece we hope to be able to give a critical and detailed notice of the performance as an act of simple justice and encouragement to the talented amateurs of our town. The following is the cast of character in the prologue:

Jean Renaud, a soldier in the French army.....Joe L. Cain
Count d'Aubeterre, commanding the King's Own Regiment....R. H. Firnberg
Lazare, a camp follower.....A. J. Bloch
Dennis O'Rourke, an Irish sergeant in the King's service.....J. B. Meginley
The Corporal.....Aaron Loeb
The Seneschal of the village of Montagne.....Alfred Dupré
Captain in the "King's Own"....James Lewis
Madeleine Renaud, Jean's wife .....Miss G. Hebrard
Adrienne Renaud, aged five, Jean's daughter.....Miss Lucille Bloch
Martha.....Miss Julie Bloch
Annette.....Miss Lena Firnberg
Louise.....Miss Louis Jagou
Soldiers, Villagers, etc.

Twelve years are supposed to elapse between the incidents of the prologue and those of the first act.

CHARACTERS IN THE PLAY.

Jean Renaud, condemned to the galleys for life.....Joe L. Cain
Count de Mornay, returned from exile.....A. J. Bloch
Duke d'Aubeterre, Governor of Provence.....R. H. Firnberg
Viscount Raoul de Langley, betrothed to Adrienne.....Alfred Dupré
Dennis O'Rourke, in the service of the Duke d'Aubeterre.....J. B. Meginley
The Sergeant of the Guard.....James Lewis
Joseph.....Aaron Loeb
Officer.....Morris Depres
Adrienne, Duke d'Aubeterre's adopted daughter.....Miss G. Hebrard
Valentine de Mornay.....Miss L. Bloomfield
Duchesse d'Aubeterre.....Miss Pauline Isaac
Chanoinesse of the College d'Hyère.....Miss V. Bloomfield
Julie, Adrienne's maid...Miss Lena Firnberg
Soldiers, Convicts, etc.

Since the above was written, it has been determined, as will be seen by the advertisement in this issue, to repeat this fine drama on Wednesday, August 24.

To all lovers of the dramatic art we say: do not miss the next performance of this thrilling play, which will be rendered in a manner to meet the most critical histrionic taste. Remember also, that there is new and splendid scenery, and the stage has been remodeled to answer the demands of all first class pieces. As usual, the entertainment will close with a grand ball.

Personal.

Mr. A. Dimmick, of Bellevue, returned last Saturday morning from Ruston, where a convention of delegates from the various "Farmers' Unions" in the State was held last week. We are pleased to learn that the meeting was quite successful, and that the next annual meeting, thanks to Mr. Dimmick's intelligent efforts, will be held in Opelousas about this time next year.

Prof. W. H. N. Magruder, of Baton Rouge, was in Opelousas a few days ago and gave us an appreciated call. The Professor is the principal of that fine preparatory school, the Collegiate Institute of Baton Rouge, and one of the oldest educators in the South.

Mrs. L. Goldstein of New Orleans is on a visit to her relatives and friends here.

Miss Laura Mayo departed on last Saturday morning's train for Lafayette, where she will visit friends before returning to her home at Lake Charles.

Miss Minerva Jewett, of Plaquemine Ridge, was on a visit to her friends Misses Pamela Moore and Eva Williams, on Wednesday last.

Our senior editor, in company with Mr. J. K. Sandoz and wife, Mr. Theo. Hollier and wife, and Messrs. Michel Halphen and Jacques Perrodin, left for the piney woods in Calcasieu parish last Saturday. They expected to be absent nine or ten days.

Those sportsmen *par excellence*, Dr. A. J. Bercier, C. Brand, Jno. Mornhinveg and Chas. Anselm departed for the Darbonne on Friday, the 5th, where they have doubtless thoroughly enjoyed the fine fishing, hunting and bathing for which that limpid stream is justly famous.

Messrs. T. H. and E. T. Lewis, L. E. Littell, C. M. Thompson, C. F. Garland, E. Latreyte, Joseph and Marks Firnberg, and probably others, left town on Wednesday evening for Bell-Cheney Springs, where a *papegeai* or *papegaud* shooting took place the next day and a large gathering was expected. We are not advised as to the nature of the trophies they secured. We return thanks to Mr. H. Erlich for his kind invitation to be present.

We are under renewed obligations to Capt. Garland for files of late papers, among which are the New York World, the Standard (Henry George's Anti-Poverty paper), Albany Journal, Saratoga Springs Union, etc.

Mr. W. B. White, a rising young lawyer of Abbeville, was in town on Thursday.

Messrs. Homère Barousse and H. D. McBride, prominent citizens of Church Point, paid our town a brief visit on Thursday.

Mr. T. C. Chacheré, of Prud'homme City, and Dr. T. Chacheré, of Plaquemine Ridge, shed the light of their benign countenances on our half deserted streets this week.

Mrs. Robert Chacheré and children spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Latiolais, at Broussardville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. DuRoy and charming little daughter, Maud, returned from Sour Lake last Saturday. Mrs. DuRoy has been quite ill since her return.

Sheriff Duson's family have taken up their residence at the "future great"—Crowley.

Mrs. W. A. Sandoz spent a few days at Lafayette last week, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Hannah Levy, of Lafayette, spent a few days here last week as the guest of the family of Mr. S. Jacobs.

Miss Louise Jones, of New Orleans, is a guest of Mrs. P. L. Hebrard.

Miss Marie Génin, of Simmsport, is the guest of Miss Rose Perrodin.

Mr. J. L. Cain, accompanied by his sisters, Misses Bella and Jennie, and Miss Bertha Oury, of New Orleans, paid a flying visit to Crowley last Sunday, where they were the guests of Mr. J. Frankel.

Miss Yetta Jacobs won the prize offered by the Social Club to the young lady selling the most tickets for their entertainment last week—a very pretty gold medal with the monogram of the club in raised letters.

Ouachita Telegraph: Gen. Scott once rose from "a hasty plate of soup" to write a letter. That episode and epistolary effusion sealed his fate. Col. Hollingsworth, the would-be Warwick of Louisiana, would do well to take warning. His famous letter bringing out Gen. Nicholls was enough. For him to go further and attempt to make United States Senators is quite too much. He had better subside. To be Warwick in the bailiwick of Caddo is one thing; to be Warwick in the great State of Louisiana is quite another.

The Thibodaux Sentinel says that the Nicholls men made an ineffectual effort to organize a club at Lockport, Lafourche parish. The call was duly advertised, but when the day of meeting came there were not enough men present in favor of Gen. Nicholls to form even the basis for a club, so the attempt was abandoned.

Items of Interest.

The Thibodaux Sentinel and Lafourche Democrat have fused, and Major S. T. Grisamore retires from the editorship of the English department.

The Lee Association of Mobile are going to raise funds and erect a suitable monument to the memory of Admiral Raphael Semmes, the great commander of the Southern navy.

Ouachita Telegraph: The Shreveport Times reduces the fight to the offices. The only objection it has to McEnery is that his is a personal government. Nicholls will not be in a hurry to appoint any but Nicholls men to office should he be elected governor.

N. O. City Item: In draining the French people of the vast sums which they have thrown into the Panama Canal scheme, DeLesseps has proved unwittingly a staunch friend to Germany. No wonder "the great Frenchman" was received with almost royal honors at Berlin. Depleting France of $250,000,000 was equal to depriving her of several army corps and untold stores of war material.

A telegram to Hon. J. V. Guillotto, mayor of New Orleans, from Senators Gibson and Eustis, states that they presented the invitation of the citizens to President Cleveland to visit New Orleans, and that he would probably do so if he had time. He expressed a desire to visit New Orleans and his high appreciation of the invitation extended him and would certainly avail himself of the opportunity if it was possible for him to do so.

New Orleans Chronicle: Following the lead of the successful Industrial College at Columbus, the East Mississippi Female College and the Meridian public school will hereafter give instruction in industrial art. The News predicts the introduction of the "industrial system" in the schools there will give them a prestige such as they have never before enjoyed, and that they will prove a blessing, particularly to the young ladies of the country who can feel assured in leaving school that the knowledge of the useful artu[illegible] more bewilder[illegible] quired during their scholastic terms [illegible] enable them to become independent workers, and fit them for the occupancy of remunerative positions entirely suitable for them to fill.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York has forfeited the warrants of Prudence Lodge and Palestine Chapter for having admitted objectionable parties into the order. Among these, who are accordingly expelled from Masonry, are Jere Dunn, the well-known sporting man; Tom Gould, the dive-keeper in New York City, and Harry Withrow, a bunco sharp. In closing his report the grand master says: "If such a lodge or chapter was allowed to exist there would soon be an end to the honor and sacredness of the ties of Masonry. The result will now officially go broadcast throughout the length and breadth of the universe, and from all sides will come back the one proclamation: There is no place for disreputable characters in the ranks of the followers of Masonry."

N. O. States: Our reform friends are hard pushed to defend the political record of Governor Nicholls which, from 1877 to 1879, excited such hostility to him on the part of the Democracy that the Constitutional Convention felt constrained to curtail his administration nearly one year. Driven from post to post, they are now quoting complimentary expressions of Democratic organs relative to his administration, printed on his retirement from office. This, it seems to us, is like quoting the epitaphs on the tombstones of those of whom family and friends always speak kindly after they are gone, however much they may have lamented their errors in life. Our reform friends are, indeed, reduced to the tombstone argument.

N. O. City Item: Say the level headed, sound and progressive Virginia Democrats, with John Goode and John S. Barbour at their head:

"We earnestly advocate liberal appropriation by the Federal government out of the revenues in aid of the education of the children of the several States in proportion to illiteracy, *in accordance with the provisions of the Blair bill* or some better measure."

There is sound doctrine which the Louisiana platform-makers will do wisely to adopt. It is the only way that offers for the South to get a fair return for the revenues it pays to the government; and it is perfectly just besides that, having forced the duties of citizenship upon so large a class of illiterates, the nation should help bear the burden of fitting them therefor.

Pointe Coupee Banner: Old River is now closed to navigation, as the Banner had predicted would be the case. No steamboat, however small, can now get into the Atchafalaya, the Red or the Ouachita rivers from the Mississippi. This is certainly an outrageously shameful condition of affairs, when hundreds of millions of surplus dollars are now locked up in the vaults of the United States Treasury. For years past the work done in Old River by the U. S. Engineers has been positively frivolous, as compared with the magnitude of the interests involved. The most feasible, most speedy and least expensive solution of this problem, involving the navigation of the Teche, the Courtableau, the Atchafalaya, the Red, the Black, the Ouachita, the Little, the Tensas and Bayou Mason, would be the opening and cleaning out of Bayou Plaquemine. Nearly the entire State is interested in this matter, and the whole people of the State should imperatively demand of the Senators and Representatives in Congress elected from this State, that they give their unremitting attention and exertions in this behalf. A considerable portion of Texas and Arkansas is also interested, and the Senators and Representatives from these States should lend their assistance.

Hollingsworth vs. Jonas.

DeSoto Democrat.

A few days since Col. Hollingsworth wrote a communication to the Shreveport Times in which he demanded of ex-Senator B. F. Jonas, that he at once come out and support Gen. Nicholls for Governor under the penalty of Col. Hollingsworth opposing him for the Senate if he did not do so. Col. Hollingsworth said:

"And I say now that the reform element in North Louisiana is willing to support Mr. Jonas if he will align himself with the sentiment that opposes the State admistration. But he must not delay too long. If Mr. Jonas does not shortly tell the people where he stands, I, for one, am for Hon. N. C. Blanchard, of the parish of Caddo, for the United States Senate as a colleague of Hon. Randall L. Gibson."

In reply to the above peremptory demand for Mr. Jonas to unconditionally surrender his "political principles, and even his manhood and self-respect," Mr. Jonas, in a letter as forcible as it was sensible, plainly informed Col. Hollingsworth in substance that he would have nothing to do with this bitter factional squabble; in short, that he, Jonas, felt competent to arrive at his own conclusions, and that he would fight under no banner, except that of Democracy. In effect, the refusal of Mr. Jonas to be manipulated by Col. Hollingsworth puts Mr. Blanchard in the field for United States Senator, as Col. Hollingsworth is supporting him for that office.

We would like to see Mr. Blanchard in the Senate, and would willingly support him for the position; but if he aligns himself with the fanatics who are trying to put a party bolter in the Gubernatorial chair, he can't expect the support of any swayback Democrat, even for Congress again, much less for the Senatorship.

If Col. Hollingsworth had had a good political memory, he would have known better than to have thus tried to bluff Mr. Jonas, for in 1872, when the Warmoth-Democratic combination was made, an attempt was made to get Mr. Jonas to stump the State in behalf of that unholy combination, but he promptly replied in substance: "I am ready to serve my party in the ranks, but I can not take a leading part under such a policy."

During that campaign he struggled manfully for the success of the cause, as a private citizen, but let others have all the glory of being the leaders. Knowing that Mr. Jonas did not approve of the Mugwump policy then, how could Col. Hollingsworth expect him to support Gen. Nicholls now, who is the prince of Southern Mugwumps. Colonel, your recollections must be failing you!

St. Landry.

THE EMPIRE PARISH OF LOUISIANA, AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS, PRAIRIES, ETC.

N. O. Times-Dtmocrat.

St. Landry parish, anciently Opelousas, lies in nearly the center of the State. It has usually been called "The Empire Parish," from the fact that it contains a larger population than any country parish in Louisiana. It consists of several areas of all the various species of land that Louisiana contains; alluvial land along the Atchafalaya and Courtableau, oak uplands, pine hills and pine flats in the northwest, yellow prairie in the central, gray prairie in the eastern and black prairie in the southern portions of the parish. About half the parish is wooded.

The natural result of these physical divisions is that the parish is divided up into a number of separate communities, each having its own characteristics.

Twenty-five miles west by north of Opelousas is Prairie Mamou, from three to six miles wide. It is a beautifully undulating upland, and is extensively cultivated in rice, the rice growers utilizing the natural ponds or marais, of which there are many; and to secure cheap and easy irrigation, artificial dams are resorted to. This portion of the parish is very sparsely settled, and many thousand acres of land are still open to homestead entry. Sawmills abound, and timber is abundant. The land is easily cultivated, and one hand can cultivate forty acres in rice, yielding 400 barrels.

Faquetaique and Chataignier prairies, situated between Prairie Mamou and Opelousas, are more densely populated. They also are largely cultivated in rice.

Prairies Bellevue and Grand Coteau, lying south of Opelousas, are regarded as among the best portions of St. Landry. Their lands are superior in natural fertility to the prairies west of them. Notwithstanding this fact, land can be bought cheap at from $3 to $5 per acre.

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Plaquemine Brulee is [illegible] rolling and fertile prairie, rising within two miles west of Opelousas. The prairie was colonized in the last century by several families from South Carolina. It is to-day one of the most prosperous portions of St. Landry. There are still, however, many acres of waste lands to be purchased cheap.

Twenty-five years ago the soil of these prairies was considered of very little value. The improvement that has taken place is due to the spread of a species of grass known as "the gazon." Formerly the principal grass of these prairies was a coarse sedge which added nothing to the soil and was very poor food for stock. The gazon which now grows everywhere is succulent and greatly relished by the cattle, and, when cut at the right time, affords an abundant and nourishing supply of hay. It has thick, matted roots, which annually decay, fertilizing the soil. By this means districts formerly sterile have become among the most productive in the State. The gazon is peculiar to Southwestern Louisiana, and first made its appearance there about fifty years ago.

Twenty-eight miles north by west of Opelousas another variety of country is reached known as the Chicot hills. The land is not as fertile here as it was before the war, due to the fact that it was overcultivated on large plantations. The country is not suited for cattle but is well adapted for hogs, which thrive on the abundant mast to be found in the forests. Lime-burning and tanning are also profitable industries. A considerable amount of stone known as St. Landry marble, which looks very well when polished, is also to be obtained from the Chicot hills.

The eastern portion of the parish is alluvial land, and here are situated the sugar plantations. There are three divisions of this region—the Bœuf country, the most fertile and best improved, the Courtableau region, the most densely populated, and the Atchafalaya region, sparsely settled. On the St. Landry side of the Atchafalaya the alluvial lands have a depth of from one to two miles, and produce cotton, cane and corn. The banks of the Bayou Courtablean are cultivated for nearly the whole of its length—thirty-six miles.

On the eastern border of St. Landry, where it meets Avoyelles, is the Big Cane country, so called from the numerous canebrakes and the unnaturally large canes that were found there by the early settlers. It extends from north to south about eighteen miles with an average width of five miles. More than half the tillable land in this section is under cultivation. The lands on Big Cane were all entered by their present owners, who hold them directly from the government, but they are to be bought at very cheap rates. There are no large plantations on Big Cane. The crops are shipped via Churchville, on the Atchafalaya. The New Orleans Pacific runs through this country.

Touching Big Cane on the south is Petit Prairie, an elevation of alluvial land, covered with the same big cane, containing from 12,000 to 15,000 acres of first-class land, none of which is under cultivation.

Touching Petit Prairie on the west is Bayou Waxia. The land is subject to overflow here, so that clearings are few, although some of the best plantations in the parish are situated here.

Very little fertilizing is practiced in St. Landry, only cotton seed and green manuring being used to improve the quality of the land.

The farms in the prairie vary greatly in size, running from 50 to 500 acres in extent. The labor supply is mixed, white and black.

A great deal of stock is raised in St. Landry, the prairies offering plenty of grass. Stock raising, however, is not as common as before the war, when St. Landry boasted of as large herds as Texas. The farmers have found crops more profitable, and while the parish possesses many thousand cattle, more than any other in the State, they are less abundant than they were twenty years ago.

St. Landry contains two towns of some size, Opelousas and Washington, and quite a number of smaller places. Opelousas, which contains 2500 inhabitants, is the parish seat of justice. It is one of the oldest towns of the State, and contains many fine residences and buildings. Washington, at the head of navigation, Bayou Courtablean, is the shipping port of St. Landry. It is a town of 2000 inhabitants. All the produce raised in the parish formerly went to market via the Courtablean and Atchafalaya, but the branch railroad running through St. Landry from Lafayette to Alexandria and connecting the Texas Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads give it the advantages of railroad competition.

A majority of the white people of the parish are of French descent, occupying most of the prairie country. A majority of the negroes reside in the eastern portion of the parish on the large cotton and sugar plantations. They are to be found, however, throughout St. Landry. The negroes of St Landry are and have always been the most prosperous in the State. Before the war the parish was the favorite residence of the blacks of the country, and their descendants constitute today an important element in the colored population. It is estimated that fully half the negroes in St. Landry own some real estate.

Benville New Era: Those who have so much to say about the immense power of executive patronage in this State must think men are very easily influenced. It is absurd to think that a man, who is a man, would sell his political liberty for the position of police juror, justice of the peace, constable or member of the school board—and that is the sum of executive patronage in the country parishes.

Teche Pilot: Joseph Jefferson will send his fine stock to the Jeanerette fair.

James J. H. Gregory's garden seeds from Marblehead, Mass., just received, at J. K. Sandoz's grocery.

Mason's Preserve Jars, quarts, for $1.25 per doz., at Flynn's, Washington.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of pills and two bottles of the discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this great discovery for consumption free at Hamilton & Bailey. Large bottles $1. 2

FOR RENT.—A small comfortable residence with two acres of land inclosed, in Opelousas, will be rented very low if applied for soon. Apply at this office.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellville, O., affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the liver, kidneys and blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Hamilton & Bailey's. 2

FOR SALE—A new Remington double-barrel breech-loading shot gun can be had at a bargain on application at this office.

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 25c per box. For sale by Hamilton & Bailey.

Lake Charles Echo: Those papers that are calling Senator Eustis a political acrobat on account of the sentiments expressed in his interview with the Boston Herald, would do well to remember one very important fact, which is this, that he has always fought his political battles within the ranks of the Democratic party, and not with independents and bolters.

FOR RENT—A good business stand, old established and centrally located, on Main street, in Opelousas. Apply at this office.

MARRIED.—In Calcasieu parish on Wednesday Aug. 3, 1887, H. A. KNIGHT of Calcasieu to Miss ANNIE E. SARVANT, formerly of Washington.

——At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. J. E. Hawkins, at Bayou Chicot, on Monday, Aug. 8, by Judge Eli Clark, WILLIAM A. QUIRK to FLORENCE BELLE HAWKINS, all of this parish.

GRAND

Entertainment & Ball

—AT—

SOCIAL CLUB HALL,

—ON—

Wednesday, August 24, 1887.

By Special Request the Opelousas Social Club will repeat their great success

A CELEBRATED CASE,

With the same cast of characters, costumes and scenery. To be followed by a

GRAND BALL.

Admission 50 Cents. Children 25 Cents.

Tickets for sale at the door the evening of the play. Doors open at 7:30; performance begins at 8 o'clock. Aug 13-2t

PRICES OF FLOUR

At Louis Desmarais' Grocery

Now and during the Coming Week:

King of Patents, best in market	$5.80
Extra fancy flour (Chesterfield)	5.25
Admiration, a fancy flour	5.00
Delight, a choice family flour	4.50
Snowflake, a fine family flour	3.75
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AT LOUIS DESMARAIS'

The Cheapest Grocery in Town.

AT RETAIL:

Five Pounds of Good Flour for Ten Cents.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE.

District Court. Parish St. Landry, No. 14258

Florestine C. Schwing vs. William F. Schwing.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the 13th Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on *SATURDAY*, the 17th day of September, 1887, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

The undivided two-thirds of a certain lot of ground, in St. Landry parish, State of Louisiana, situated just below the town of Washington, on the Courtablean Bayou, having a front on said bayou of two hundred and ten feet, by a depth back between parallel lines to the continuation of Trainor street. The upper line measuring four chains, and the lower line measuring five chains; said lot containing one and three quarter acres more or less, and bounded north by a strip of land twenty feet wide adjoining Elizabeth street or corporation line, as laid off on map of Gantt's addition to said town, south by Elbert Gantt's property and west by continuation of Trainor street, together with said undivided two-thirds of said lot is mortgaged, likewise the undivided two-thirds of all the buildings, machinery and other improvements on said lot or which may be put thereon, said property being known as the Pelican Oil Mill.

Also one Pratt gin stand with condenser and feeder and one Reynolds' cotton press.

Seized in the above entitled suit.

Terms—Cash. C. C. DUSON, Sheriff.

July 13, 1887.

UNPRECEDENTED ATTRACTION!

OVER HALF A MILLION DISTRIBUTED.

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Louisiana State Lottery Company,

Incorporated by the Legislature in 1868, for Educational and Charitable purposes, and its franchise made a part of the present State Constitution, in 1879, by an OVERWHELMING POPULAR VOTE.

—ITS—

GRAND SINGLE NUMBER DRAWINGS

Will take place monthly.

And the Semi-Annual Drawings regularly Every Six Months

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"We do hereby certify that we supervise the arrangements for all the Monthly and Quarterly Drawings of The Louisiana State Lottery Company, and in person manage and control the Drawings themselves, and that the same are conducted with honesty, fairness, and in good faith toward all parties, and we authorize the Company to use this certificate, with fac similes of our signatures attached, in its advertisements."

G. T. BEAUREGARD,
J. A. EARLY,
Commissioners.

We the undersigned Banks and Bankers will pay all Prizes drawn in the Louisiana State Lotteries which may be presented at our counters.

J. H. OGLESBY, Pres. La. Nat. Bank.
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CARL KOHN, Pres. Union Nat. Bank.

GRAND SINGLE NUMBER DRAWING,

At the Academy of Music, New Orleans,

TUESDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13, 1887.

CAPITAL PRIZE, $150,000.

NOTICE.—Tickets are $10 only.
Halves, $5. Fifths, $2. Tenths, $1.

LIST OF PRIZES.

1 Capital prize of	$150,000....	$150,000
1 Grand " "	50,000....	50,000
1 " " "	20,000....	20,000
2 Large prizes "	10,000....	20,000
4 " " "	5,000....	20,000
20 Prizes of	1,000....	20,000
50 " "	500....	25,000
100 " "	300....	30,000
200 " "	200....	40,000
500 " "	100....	50,000

APPROXIMATION PRIZES.

100 Approximation Prizes,	$300....	30,000
100 " "	200....	20,000
100 " "	100....	10,000
1000 Terminal Prizes of	50....	50,000
2,179 Prizes, amounting to		$535,000

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"REMEMBER that the payment of all Prizes is GUARANTEED BY FOUR NATIONAL BANKS, and the tickets are signed by the President of an Institution, whose chartered rights are recognized in the highest Courts; therefore, beware of imitations and anonymous schemes."

LANDS & TOWN LOTS

FOR SALE CHEAP.

The undersigned offers for sale the following property:

1. Two town lots situated in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, each measuring 339 feet front by 326 feet in depth, bounded north by —— street, south by property of Mrs. Louisa Meginley, east by Main street and west by Court street, being same property purchased from widow Edward Millard in 1884.

2. Two town lots situated in the town of Opelousas each measuring 326 feet front by 169 feet in depth bounded north by——street, south by lots of C. B. Andrus, east by Union street and west by Main street being same property purchased in 1884 of Mrs. Wid. Ed. Millard.

3. One town lot situated in the town of Grand Coteau, bounded north by Main street, south by lands of James Burleigh, east by public road and west by lots of Dominique Lalande, being same property bought from the heirs of Humbert Perrodin in 1867.

4. One lot of ground situated at Garrigues' bridge, parish of St. Landry, containing one arpent of land bounded north by——west by Dérosier May, south by U. T. Blackshear, east by public road and west by U. T. Blackshear, being the same property purchased of Auguste Perrodin, liquidator of the firm of J. & A. Perrodin.

5. Thirty-five acres land situated in Mallet ward, parish of St. Landry, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded east by Joseph Durousseau, west by land of Prosper Simien, north by Beaupère Chacheré and west by land of Alexandre René, Jr.

6. Thirty acres of woodland situated in Mallet wood, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by E. Landry, south by ——east by land of François Jean and west by land of Félix Déjean, being the same property purchased in 1884 from Joseph Sullice.

7. Seventeen acres of land with improvements thereon, situated in Plaisance ward, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by Adolphe Malveau, south by Jules Perrodin, east by bayou Grand Louis and west by Jules Malveau, being the same property purchased from widow Paul Lavergne.

8. Eighteen acres of woodland situated in Mallet, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by Jules Lavergne, south by Jean Bte. Comeau, east by C. Donatto, west by Joseph Sullice, being the same property bought from Joseph Sullice in 1885.

9. A tract of prairie land containing 85 acres, situated in Plaquemine Brulée ward, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by Louis Hébert, south by land of widow James Brooks, east by land of C. B. Smith and west by land of Reed and Déjean, being the same property purchased in 1887 from wid. St. Blancat.

10. A tract of woodland containing 126 acres, situated in Mallet ward, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by——, east by lands of Evariste Guillory, Sr., south by Sosthene Henry and west by lands of Evariste Guillory, Sr., being the same property acquired in 1879 from E. Guillory, Sr.

11. A tract of prairie and woodland situated in Prairie Laurent, parish of St. Landry, containing 40 acres, bounded north by widow Edgard Vanbille, south by land of Gabriel Wartelle, east by land of heirs of Balqué and west by land of Capt. Montgomery, being same property purchased in 1875 from Jules Chacheré.

13. A tract of prairie land situated in Mallet, parish of St. Landry, containing thirty-six acres, bounded north by public road, south by Alexandre Simien, eastern boundaries unknown and west by Bellile Godeau, being same property purchased in 1879 at succession sale of the estate of Adele Prevost.

14. A tract of land situated in Mallet with all the buildings thereon, bounded north by public road, south by Evariste Bello, east and west by widow Jean Bte. Gallot, being the same property purchased from Ferreol Perrodin.

15. A tract of land situated in Plaisance, parish of St. Landry, containing 30 acres without the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north and east by lands of Dr. P. J. Parker, south by John Simms and west by Eugene Lachapelle, being the same property purchased from Jean Louis Esprit.

16. A tract of prairie land situated in Mallet, parish of St. Landry, containing