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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.

See notice of meeting of Parish Alliance in another column.

New cotton, rice, hay and cotton seed have been coming in briskly during the past week.

Mr. Jos. Bloch has just received a car load of fresh family flour which he is selling cheap. See his advertisement for prices.

Oh! the dust! But in spite of it all, the babies are still going to Burke's gallery looking for the prize, and one of them will get it.

The reformers claim the St. Landry delegation for Nicholls. Well, now, perhaps, may be so, when the convention meets it might be otherwise.

The new ginnery and press of Messrs Generes and Gentry, near Skinner's bridge, began active work on last Monday morning, and are ready to gin and press all cotton, with dispatch, at reasonable prices.

The St. Martin Reveille has entered its fourth volume. The Reveille is a good paper, and ably represents the best interests of its parish, and we wish it a long and useful career in the field of journalism.

The St. Mary's Academy for boys, under the management of the following corps of teachers, opened its fall session on Thursday, Sept. 15, inst.: Revs. Gilbert and J. F. Raymond, Profs. H. G. Lewis and M. Alfred Brillet.

Owing to lack of space, we have been compelled to condense "Piney Woods" correspondence fully one-half, but in doing so have endeavored to leave intact the most salient points of his communication which will be found in another column.

On last Saturday night at a colored ball in Tate's Cove Abe Winchester was killed, and Henry Keller was shot in the side and arm by Yute Tizano. All of the parties were colored, and bad whiskey was the cause of the difficulty. Tizano was arrested and jailed.

Dry, dryer, dryest. Wells and cisterns giving out, ponds in the prairies a foot deep in dust, and a great many horses and cattle wandering around famishing for water. When will the parching drouth be broken? Perhaps by an equinoctial storm within the next few days.

The Donaldsonvile Chief has entered its sixteenth year, and has always been in the front rank of Louisiana country journalism. Spicy, newsy and interesting, it has enjoyed that success which its enterprise deserves, and will no doubt continue to receive under the intelligent and liberal management of its wide-awake proprietor, L. E. Bently, Esq.

The Opelousas Social Club entertained the little folks, with a pleasant hop until 10 o'clock on Tuesday evening, after which the young men and ladies took the floor for a few hours enjoyment. This excellent association gives a great deal of vivacity and animation to our town in its terpsichorean, dramatic and literary features. Success to their worthy efforts.

On last Saturday a little son of Mr. Hourtevant, who resides west of town just out of the corporate limits, was bitten on the leg by a buzzard, which produced blood poisoning, and he now lies in a very precarious condition. The unfortunate lad attempted to catch the loathsome bird, when it turned upon him and tore a piece of flesh out of his leg with its beak poisoned from eating carrion.

We take pleasure in directing attention to the announcement, in another column, of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Baptist church of Bayou Chicot, said to be the oldest west of the Mississipi river, which interesting event will take place next Friday, the 23d inst. Grand preparations are being made to insure a pleasant and enjoyable time to all who may attend. The object is a most worthy one, and we bespeak for it full success. The lady managers have our thanks for a courteous invitation to their festival.

WEATHER AND FARM.—Some light local showers have fallen in a few localities during the past week, but not sufficient to do any good. The hot sun and dry weather are injuring the potato, cane and pea crops very severely and the yield will be very short. The cotton that has been stripped of foliage by caterpillars will all be open within the next two or three weeks. Planters are so rushed with cotton picking that but little corn has been gathered. The cotton crop will be a short one, but the staple is of very superior quality.

A pair of horses hitched to a wagon, belonging to J. Meyers & Co., took fright near the railroad depot last Saturday as the locomotive was approaching the crossing and attempted to cross the track at full speed, but were caught on the cow-catcher, and the entire turn-out carried a distance of about 75 yards, when the engine was stopped and it was found that the horses were unhurt, and only slight damage done to the wagon. It was a remarkable escape, as all who saw the occurrence expected that both horses and wagon would be smashed into "smithereens."

Rayne Signal: The frame for the rice mill building has been raised this week. It has been rather slow work as many of the timbers used are very large and heavy; which however, will insure strength and permanence. This building will be the highest and most conspicuous in town.

Where is the rice mill that we were to have in Opelousas? Collapsed like most other enterprises that have been talked about here. Opelousas should, by rights, have a rice mill, a bank and an ice factory. They would all pay handsomely.

A man once said: That mosquitoes were so thick, where he lived in Arkansas, that you could swing a quart cup around your head and catch it full. Allowing us the same right to an elastic expression, we would exclaim in choking and stifling accent: That the dust is so thick on our streets and highways now that you can cut it with a knife. At times the dust is so dense, when there is no breeze to waft it away, that there is danger of vehicles colliding in passing each other. Travel now is an absolute punishment to man and beast, and eyes and lungs have been and will be sorely tried before this impalpable earth is laid by a settling rain.

HOMICIDE.—In Prairie Mamou on last Tuesday evening a white man by the name of Raymond Deshotel was shot and instantly killed by a colored man, named Homer Artigue. The accused Artigue came in and surrendered himself to the sheriff and was incarcerated in the parish jail to await his trial. In the absence of any preliminary examination of the case we can only give the prisoner's statement, viz: that Deshotel had followed him up during the day and beaten him twice, and in the evening came to his house to renew the assault upon himself and family, when he, in self defense, took his gun and shot him down.

The second annual fair of the Attakapas Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association will be held at Jeanneretta on Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1 and 2. $2000 in premiums. For premium list apply to

M. A. DELAHOUSSAYE, Sec'y.,
Jeanneretta, La.

Lack of Courtesy to the Press.

Our confrère of the St. Landry Democrat very justly made complaint against the managers of their barbecue and speaking for their lack of courtesy to representatives of the local press on the 5th inst. The Democrat is perfectly correct in all of its remarks upon that subject, and we will add that this instance is not an isolated one, but quite a common occurrence with the management of similar occasions in Opelousas. The press is continually called upon to boom this, that, and other enterprises; to lend a helping hand to every effort made in behalf of political, social, religious, commercial and charitable purposes. Then why should not its representatives be treated with that consideration which is due and merited by them for the services expected from them? If an editor or reporter is expected to give an intelligent account of an assemblage of any kind, be it speaking, operatic, dramatic, or some other entertainment, he should have a comfortable position where he can see and hear everything, without having to scramble and scuffle through a crowd to do so.

There is no excuse for an omission or neglect of these civilities—certainly ignorance will not be pleaded as an apology—and where the necessary facilities are not afforded newspaper representatives for obtaining correct reports, they can claim no right to any report other than just such a one as given by the Democrat of the meeting of the 5th inst.

Personal.

Mrs. C. C. Duson, wife of our energetic and enterprising sheriff, now residing at Crowley, was in town this week.

Miss Lillie Swayze has returned from a pleasant visit to Cheneyville.

Judge Estilette and the following attorneys from our town left on Sunday to attend court at Crowley: John N. Ogden, F. F. Perrodin, C. W. DuRoy, G. L. Dupré and E. P. Veazie.

Mr. Louis Desmarais and wife returned from Chicago on last Tuesday.

C. C. Swayze, Jr., operator at Cheneyville, was on a visit to his friends and relatives here during the past week.

L. I. Tansey, Esq., accompanied by his daughter, Miss Georgie, spent the past week at Rayne.

Mr. Benj. A. Littell, who accompanied his sister, Miss Mary E. Littell to Jackson, La., some days since, returned home on Monday last looking as though he had seen a *some one* that he had not seen in some time.

Miss Selika Bienvenu, of New Orleans, is on a visit to our town, as the guest of her friend Miss Melanie Jagou, daughter of Mr. H. Jagou.

Miss Christine Arnott, of New Orleans, is spending some time in our town, as the guest of Mrs. Thos. H. Lewis.

Mrs. R. Mornhinveg, of our town, departed on last Thursday's train for Los Angelos, Cal., whither she goes for her health.

Masters Laurent Lacombe and Nathan Roos left on last Monday's train to attend school at Alexandria, Va. They were accompanied as far as New Orleans by Maj. Austin Lacombe and Master Jonas Roos, where the latter will attend school.

We had a pleasant call last Tuesday morning from Dr. N. D. Young, a prominent physician and leading citizen of the thriving little town of Royville. The Doctor has gained considerable avoirdupois since he tramped with the gallant "Bull Battery" in 1862-4, and we are pleased to learn of his prosperity and the same satisfactory condition of his section of country.

The Veteran and the Politician.

N. O. States.

About the flimsiest textile with which it was ever attempted to drape the nudity of a palpable and outrageous violation of party discipline and party usages, was the article of the Picayune of yesterday in defense of the Hunt bolt and ex-Governor Nicholls' participation therein.

That the Picayune should defend the Hunt, or any other bolt, from the Democratic party, is quite natural, since all its preachments during the past ten years have been to foster the spirit of rebellion in the Democratic party and to demoralize its discipline. Answering our historical review in Thursday's States the Picayune says:

"Beyond the narrow sphere of professional politics, there has never been any question of the immense value of the service which he rendered to the Commonwealth at the most critical juncture of its history, and the people have no love for those who would rob him of the laurels that he won either amid the iron hail of battle or as the leader of his party at a time when only a wonderful combination of sagacity and courage, of foresight and firmness, could have secured success. Gen. Nicholls' missing arm and leg are not more convincing as proofs of his military service than is the supremacy of the Democratic party in Louisiana to-day as evidence of his political service."

This insidious intermingling of Gen. Nicholls' glorious military career with his later political record, now under very animated, not to say pasionate criticism, comes with particular ill grace from a newspaper infinitely more versed in the devious and questionable methods of factional politics than in "The pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious war."

To us who followed and shared the fortunes of the Confederacy; to us who witnessed and took humble but dutiful part in scenes of terrific slaughter on the fields of Sharpsburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Drewry's Bluff and Petersburg, and who with heart near broken, and eyes suffused with tears, beheld and helped to bury hecatombes of limbs torn by shot and shell from the persons of heroic soldiers, our brother perhaps, and friends and comrades; to us, we say, no sight on earth is more full of pathos, and evokes from our inmost heart more profund veneration, than that of a maimed hero of our glorious Southern cause—lost but ever living. General Nicholls, the glorious maimed veteran of Winchester and Chancellorsville, we venerate and hold sacred, as such. Yet, in all candor, we submit that ex-Governor Nicholls, as statesman, politician and candidate for office before the people, is quite another personage, and as such, he is to all intents and purposes the whole, and surely, the legitimate subject of searching, and mayhap partisan criticism. This said, once for all, we propose not to be handicapped by the obsequious and plainly interested thrusting upon us of the gloriously maimed soldier. We will ever treat solely of the politician.

The Capiolian-Advocate says of Gen Nicholls' defense of his bolt of the St. Martin nomination in his Opelousas speech:

Gov. Nicholls was unfortunate in basing his denial that he had bolted the Democratic nomination on the ground that he was not a resident of the First Congressional District. That very reason should have kept him from taking the stump and lending the influence of his name to an independent movement at the most critical period of the presidential campaign. His excuse that the party organization in that district had been effected at a time when many people were away from the city is destroyed by the fact that Mr. Hunt had been nominated and elected under its auspices two years before, and that Gov. Nicholls hopes to be nominated by its assistance and that of some of the very leaders whom he charges with having made the corrupt transaction that, in Gov. Nicholls' opinion, justified the movement to which he extended the support of his speeches and influence. Then, this alleged barter of the nomination had no connection whatsoever with the regular nomination of Hon. Louis St. Martin, as honorable a gentleman and loyal a Democrat as can be found in the State.

The North Louisiana Fair takes place at Shreveport, November 8th to 12th inclusive. Cash premiums $5,000. For premium lists and general information address,

M. L. SCOVELL,
Secretary, Shreveport, La.

Any child under two years can be a competitor for Burke's prize to the handsomest baby; the only question is: will he find a hundred of them to photograph? we think so.

FOR RENT.—A business stand and residence near the railroad depot. Also a business stand in the center of town. Apply at this office.

Items of Interest.

Alexandria is to have a National Bank with a capital of $50,000.

Ex-Gov. Luke P. Blackburn of Kentucky, died in Frankfort, Ky., on the 14th.

Nineteen barrels of new molasses were received in New Orleans last Monday.

It is rumored an expedition left Key West a few days ago for Cuba. The United States officials at Key West do not know anything about it.

Mr. Powderly says that in his next message he will advocate government ownership of the telegraph and railroad lines and the establishment of postal savings banks.

Lake Charles Commercial: We are pleased to learn that Mrs. M. K. Lastrapes has succeeded in organizing a good music class in our city. The lady is a fine musician and deserves success.

St. Mary Review: A number of planters will commence the grinding season about the first of October. Rain is generally needed throughout the parish, but cane is not suffering for want of it.

Lafayette Advertiser: Col. G. A. Breaux, we are informed, is having prepared on his place in this parish a lot of fine stock for exhibition at Jeannerette during the fair at that place commencing Sept. 29.

Minister Ferron is jubilant over the mobilization of the Seventeenth Army Corps of France, and says that the experiment has given Parliament and the nation a confidence they did not before possess.

N. O. States: The Philadelphia Medical Register says that Dr. Holt's system of quarantine is endorsed by the ablest sanitarians as being the best in the world. This is certainly a handsome compliment to the worthy President of our Board of Health.

Maj. Heuer's report for August says: In Bayou Courtableau, La., an examination of the run-out bayous was made, and material was purchased and labor hired for the purpose of closing them by dams. These bayous are as follows: Little Fordoche, English, Big Fordoche and Mamselle.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has confirmed the judgement of the lower court condemning the Chicago Anarchists to be hung, and fixed the day for their execution on Nov. 11th next. Their names are: August Spies, Michael Schwab, Samuel Fielden, Albert R. Parsons, Adolph Fischer, Geo. Engel and Louis Lingg.

Lake Charles Echo: We see by last Saturday's Teche Pilot, that Miss Minnie Knapp, daughter of Prof. S. A. Knapp, and other ladies of Lake Charles, will attend the Jeanerette Fair, which opens on the 29th inst. and continues four days, and will have a car load of art and fancy work exhibits. The same paper states that Miss Mollie Mayo, daughter of Clerk of Court Thad. Mayo, will also attend the Fair in charge of the Lake Charles exhibit for the "Woman's Department."

There was a riot at Mitchelstown, Ireland, last week, where the British Government was to try its case against Mr. Wm. O'Brien, the Irish editor. When court met Mr. O'Brien did not appear, and an order was issued for his arrest. This caused the people to hold an indignation meeting which brought on a conflict with the police and resulted in several being shot and killed, and a large number of policemen wounded.

Sam Jones stirred up the Missourians at the Plattsburg Camp Meeting in that State, Thursday last, with a long pole. Among other telling shots were the following:

I do use some slang sometimes, especially when I can get the sense in, but if you ever heard me use slang you may know I'm trying to get down to a level with you. * * * There is nothing said from Genesis to Revelations about the dude and I think the whole thing stole a march on Providence. I don't think there was any outlook for them when Adam was made. * * * *

Louisiana Streams.

The report of the chief of engineers, now in course of preparation for the information of Congress will contain the following statements and suggestions relating to river improvements in Louisiana:

The Teche is now opened its entire length, from its mouth to Port Barré, and all is now done that can be done for the stream preparatory to the actual construction of a lock and dam for slack water navigation, estimated to cost $175,000. Should Congress decide to make slack water navigation on this stream, the total amount estimated for should be provided for in one lump. The improvements thus far made have cost almost $44,880. They have improved navigation materially, but have not produced any increase of commerce nor reduced the frieght rates in that section.

In regard to the proposed canal for connecting Bayon Teche with Grand Lake it is said that should the canal ever be cut it would be of local importance. It is not thought it would benefit steamboats plying on the Teche or the planters to any great extent, for the reason that the plantations are on the bayou. It is recommended, therefore, that no work be commenced on this canal until the amount necessary to complete the same ($175,000) has been appropriated, nor is it supposed that benefits to commerce will equal or approximate what the canal will cost.

As to the Bayou Courtableau, where the project is to close up all the bayous running out of the south bank, it is said that the prospects of success, even should all the run-out bayous be closed, are everything but certain; yet the closure of two of the principal outlets in one season did produce an increased depth of three feet. It is proposed, though as soon as the water is low enough, to resume work on the dam, and if possible, complete an additional dam on Bayou Mamselle.

The work on Calcasieu river will not be permanent, but it is thought that the revetment on the lower bar will last much longer than heretofore, on account of the revetment walls, which were designed to prevent the sea from washing the excavated material back into the channel.

The Capitolian-Advocate considers the campaign carried on by the reformers a very singular one. One would suppose, with the Capitolian-Advocate, that a "reform" party would advocate some reform. Yet not a single measure looking to the amelioration of the alleged troubles of the people have been broached. Instead, all the speakers who have been put up by the reformers have confined themselves to a defense of Gen. Nicholls' administration and denunciation of the present one—a course that does not require any particular amount of brilliancy or astuteness. The Capitolian Advoate goes on to say, discussing the statement of Gen. Robert S. Perry, of Iberia, made at the Rayne meeting, that Gov. McEnery has no will of his own, but allows himself to be led:

Verily, no one can, more advisedly than Gen. Perry, refute this assertion. He knows that Gov. McEnery has pursued with an iron will a levee policy that he has carried to complete success; that he has likewise sustained a well-defined policy toward the public finances; that he has determinedly sought to foster all the industries of the people, and that his political policy, as illustrated in the Iberia troubles, has been of the firmest character.

Are these the evidences of a weak and vacillating mind?

But above all this, is it not a fact that the wishes and advice of no man in the parish of Iberia have had more weight with Gov. McEnery than the wishes and advice of Gen. Perry. This, we believe, can be borne out by an inspection of the indorsements to the appointments in Gen. Perry's parish!

This illustration will suffice to establish the fact that the people of Louisiana are indeed witnessing a singular campaign.

Thibodaux Sentinel: When the Pioneer will be honest enough to admit that the Ruthland contracts were neither suggested nor entered into by Gov. McEnery, and also to confess that neither Gen. Nicholls nor his school boards, nor any one else under the Nicholls Administration ever made the slightest effort to recover this money, it will then be time enough for it to ask the Sentinel questions concerning that contract.

The women of now-a-days seem to have all the bustle and the bank cashiers all the git up and git.—Ex.

General Political Notes.

N. O. Chronicle: The men who seek offices from McEnery and then shout for Nicholls are the most itense of all factionists, and should be bottled up.

At a meeting held at Moreauville, Avoyelles parish, on the 20th ult., T. H. Thorpe, Esq., of the Marksville bar, was endorsed and recommended to both parish and district conventions to fill the vacancy in the 6th Congressional District.

Capitolian Advocate: Hon Don Caffery, in his address at the Nicholls' meeting in Opelousas, was very humorous and entertaining and withal very laudatory of Gov. Nicholls, but we do not recall the suggestion of a single reform measure.

N. O. Chronicle: The editor of the St. Landry Democrat complains that he did not get near enough to the platform in Opelousas to hear Gen. Nicholls' speech, but how about the baked meats and other fixins? We fear he is too modest, and has not learned the art of elbowing through a crowd.

Feliciana Sentinel: The reformers tear their hair over a personal government "hatched in the brain" of Major E. A. Burke and others, but they glory over a personal administration, which they are trying to hatch with the assistance of those eminent hatchers, Fitzpatrick, Mealey, Davey and Duffy.

From the amount and character of the oratory displayed by some of the speakers at the Nicholls meetings, it would seem that there is as great a necessity now for wresting the government of the State from the Democratic party as there was for wresting it from the Republicans twelve years ago. However, as the speakers have failed to point out in their programme any specific reforms that are very urgently needed, it must be concluded that the main object of the fight is to put McEnery out and put Nicholls in. But whether such a move would be a reform is a question of serious import, and the Democracy of the State are so considering it.—Capitolian-Advocate.

The Rayne Signal piquently says:

"In answer to a question put to him by Mr. Dupré at Opelousas, Gen. Nicholls is reported to have used the following language: "From a democratic stand point I think it is proper that a candidate should be the nominee of a regular convention, but if there is any rascality about it, or if the nomination is carried by fraud, I am in favor of appealing to the party direct. I don't believe in rascality inside the party or outside." Now, the question is, if Gen. Nicholls should be defeated for the nomination will he not be ready to put up the cry of rascality, and fraud, and bolt the Convention and appeal to the party direct? Let him answer this."

The Marksville Bulletin in discussing on the State campaign, says:

"That the State campaign is progressing in a very satisfactory manner to the friends of Gov. McEnery. The great fuss made about 'personal government' is so simple in its very nature that the people are asking themselves if that is all the objection that can be urged against the levee Governor. And if Gen. Nicholls was elected, an occurence that will never happen, what kind of a government will his be? Is there a man so simple as to suppose that he will appoint his enemies to office. If there is any one of this kind in our midst we pity him. Colonel Hollingsworth's letter to Senator Jonas indicates what the policy would be."

The Picayune in July, 1878, while Gen. Nicholls was Governor published the following. It does not compare very well with its present position on the gubernatorial question:

"*The State Administration is more expensive in all its departments than it is in other States of the Union*; and yet no one will pretend that Lousiana is better able than any other State to bear the burden of government. It is *more expensive, more extravagant that it was in this State prior to the war*, and yet it would be absurdo to pretend that the resources of Louisiana are equal to what they were in *anté bellum* times. But the people for all that have not lost faith in themselves or in the great principles of their party. *They do not intend to surrender the party and its policy to the leadership and dictation of the demagogues who have abused their trust.* The spirit of resistence to corruption, fraud and extravagance which inspired all their efforts throughout the regime of Warmoth and Kellogg animates them still and will never be at rest until they have attained the fit consumation of their labors."

Capitolian Advocate: Our clever good natured friend McCormick, of the Lake Charles *Commercial*, gets off this inquiry which we take great pleasure in answering: "Wonder whether or not we owe the extraordinary warm summer of the present year to the beneficent administration of Governor McEnery? Will some of his organs please inform us on this subject." We have not heard any of the Governor's friends laying claims of that sort, and we are sure they are perfectly willing that Gov. Nicholls should have due credit for it, as his red hot "campaign" has no doubt affected the temperature several degrees, thus entitling him to all the glory that such a result can give. We might add however, Brother McCormick, that there is a cold wave coming and we should not be surprised that the Reformers will find when it rolls over them that Gov. McEnery will be on top. Then we will have no hesitancy in claiming that his benificent administration has had something to do with starting the wave.

BAYOU CHICOT, La., Sept. 6, 1887.

EDITORS COURIER:

The Baptists, as well as all other good people that are interested in the good book called the Bible, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Baptist church at this place on Friday, September 23d. A gala time is expected and a large crowd will be in attendance from far and near, and good things of all kinds will be sold on the grounds under the spreading oaks near the church, the proceeds to go towards remodeling and repairing the church, which is the oldest west of the Mississippi river.

We all expected that our farmers would make more cotton than they could gather, but owing to the caterpillars eating it and the long continued drouth scarcely a half crop of the staple will be gathered; but we are glad to say that the largest corn crop will be gathered in our section that has been made since the war. Capt Sam Haas has just made his gin some 25 or 30 feet larger together with a new roof, and an entire new outfit of machinery is now ready to put cotton in shape for market.

Miss Hattie Haas, after an absence of two weeks at Haasville, La., is expected home during the week; Miss Ida Griffith is spending the week in town as the guest of Mrs. H. L. Erlich.

We have considerable sickness in our midst, principally fevers of a typhoid nature. Messrs. W. F. Moore and W. W. Oneal have both been laid up nearly a month, but with the good medical skill of our physicians, Drs. J. E. and W. E. Hawkins, we hope soon to see them on our streets again.

Well Mr. Editor, how is politics? We "uns" living way back here in the pine woods never know what is going on in the big cities. But we happened to pick up a paper the other day and it seems that there are only two men in our great State fit to be Governor—that is our present incumbent, Hon. S. D. McEnery and Gov. F. T. Nicholls. Can't we find some one else in our State that would fill the position? I, for one, say certainly we can. Let's have a new deal all around, put out the old ones and put new ones in; for instance, right here in our own parish we have plenty of good material that would fill the gubernatorial chair with honor, prominent among whom is the Hon. H. L. Garland, of Opelousas. Let some good man present his name before the Convention when it meets, and declare without fear or favor that we want a new deal, and a new deal we will have, and let Capt. Henry L. Garland lead the van, and with such a man as him at the head of the State Democratic ticket, success is assured and vituperation at an end. Lets fill our District judge's chair with a new man; our clerk's office, sheriff's office, District attorney's office, our Legislative Hall, etc., we have the material and why not use it? now is the time.

Yours truly, PINEY WOODS.

FOR SALE.—A young mare and colt, and a three year old filly, can be had at a bargain, on application at this office.

NEW STORE.

CLEMENTS & WILSON,

Near the Railroad, Opelousas, La.,

Have just opened with a large and select stock of goods,

—CONSISTING OF—

-GROCERIES-

Hardware, Dry Goods, Saddlery, Boots, Shoes,

Hats, Notions, &c.,

And respectfully solicit a share of the patronage of the citizens of St. Landry. Our stock is well assorted and carefully selected, and our *Prices* will be found *extremely low.* We have come to stay, and know we can make it

To Your Interest to Deal with Us.

OUR GOODS AND PRICES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

We are prepared to pay the

HIGHEST MARKET PRICES IN CASH

—FOR—

Cotton, Rice, Wool,

Hides, Etc.,

And only ask that you

CALL AND SEE US

Before disposing of your produce—you will certainly find it to your interest and benefit to do so.

A large lot of **Strictly Pure White Lead,** cheap.

We deire to call the special attention of cotton planters, ginners and country merchants to the fact that we keep constantly in store a large stock of

BAGGING AND TIES

which we can sell at very low figures.

CLEMENTS & WILSON.

Opelousas, Sept. 10, 1887.

ROOMS DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the Parish of St. Landry, Opelousas, Sept. 8th, 1887.

Pursuant to a call of the President of the committee, the members of the Dem. Ex. Committee for the parish of St. Landry, assembled this day, when on roll call the members from all the wards were present except the fourth ward.

The object of the meeting having been explained, on motion of Mr. Forrestier Richard duly seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1st. That the President be authorized to order primary elections for delegates to a convention for the purpose of securing a proper representation of this parish in the Democratic Congressional Convention which is to assemble at Baton Rouge on the 28th instant to select a candidate for the 6th Congressional District.

2d. That the basis of representation in the Parish Convention be the Democratic votes cast at the last Presidential election and that it be as follows, to-wit:

Faquetaique 1 delegate, Léonville 12, Grand Prairie 4, Ville Plate 6, Lower Bayou Bœuf 1, Opelousas 14, Mallet 3, Port Barry and Waxia 3, Chataignier 5, Chicot 11, Niggerfoot 1, Upper Mamou 3, Dossman 2, Coulée Croche 6, Atchafalaya 1, Upper Bayou Bœuf 4, Big Cane 4, Plaisance 6, Prairie Laurent 1.

3d. That all democrats having the right to vote at the Congressional election shall be entitled to vote at the primaries.

4th. That the President have the right to fix the time and places for the election of delegates at the primaries and also the time and place where, when the convention shall be held; also to appoint commissioners of election. On motion of Mr. Jas. O. Chachere duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the President of the Executive Committee be authorized, should he think proper to so do, in lieu of primaries and convention, to call a Mass Meeting of the Democrats of this parish at such time and place as he may designate, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Democratic Congressional Convention to assemble at Baton Rouge on the 28th instant.

The President having presented the resignation of Mr. Frank Wharton as a member of this Committee, on motion of Mr. Placide Robin, duly seconded, the resignation was accepted and the President authorized to fill the same.

On motion of same gentleman, the Committee adjourned subject to the call of the President.

E. D. ESTILETTE,
President Democratic Executive Committee for parish of St. Landry.

M. ANDRUS, Secretary.

Pursuant to the above authority vested in me, there will be a Mass Meeting of Democrats at the Grand Coteau R. R. Depot on Saturday, the 24th September, 1887, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the parish of St. Landry at the Congressional Democratic Convention to be held in Baton Rouge on the 28th September, 1887, to nominate a candidate for the 6th Congressional District.

E. D. ESTILETTE,
President Parish Democratic Executive Committee for the Parish of St. Landry.

Opelousas, Sept. 10th, 1887.

It is to cast a slur upon the moral sense of the nation to say that Foraker can ever become a formidable candidate for the Presidency. His chance of getting the Republican nomination is a different thing altogether, and something which Republicans must determine for themselves. Fortunately, the Presidency is not within the grasp of a small-brained blatherskite quivering with the "jim-jams" of sectional hate.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

O'Gorman Mahon, the Nestor of the Home Rulers at Westminster, is eighty-four years old. He firmly believes that he will live to see restored to its old home in Dublin the Irish National Legislature, removed thence only three years before he was born. He is the oldest man ever elected to Parliament.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, will close our stores on account of Holidays, on Monday, September 19th, and Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1887.

JULIUS MEYERS & CO.,
DAVID ROOS,
JOSEPH BLOCH,
SOLOMON LOEB,
SOL. ISAAC,
S. JACOBS.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 3, 1887. 3t

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Opelousas, Sept. 10.-6m

Entertainment and Celebration.

ON FRIDAY, September 23d proximo, the ladies of Bayou Chicot will give an entertainment in connection with the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the "Calvary Baptist Church" at this place. All are cordially invited to attend. Proceeds to be used in repairing the church. A pleasant day is promised all.

Bayou Chicot, La., Sept. 17, 1887.

Official Notice.

BY authority vested in me, I hereby appoint Big Cane as the place, and Wednesday the 5th day of October as the time, for holding the third quarterly Parish Union and Alliance convention of the parish of St. Landry, La. Subordinate Unions will elect delegates as provided by the constitution.

Secretaries of Subordinate Unions will make full reports as provided by our constitution in Article three, Sec. one, and Article five, Sec. three. Presidents of Subordinate Unions will please be present to receive the semi-annual pass words. By order of

THOMAS J. HOUGH,
Sept. 17, '87-2t Pres. Parish Union.

TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA.

Wm. Preston Johnston, LL. D. President.

HIGH School with Manual Training. College with six courses of instruction. University courses in Science and Letters. Session begins Oct. 3d. H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for Women begins Oct. 13th. Medical Department begins Oct. 17th. Law Department begins Nov. 21st.

Catalogues containing announcement of all departments may be had by application to the Secretary of the University, Tulane Hall, New Orleans, La. aug 6-3m

MONEY TO LOAN.

The J. B. Watkins Land Mortgage Co.,

Lawrence, Kansas.

The above Company is now prepared to loan money on long time, at reasonable rates of interest, on improved, and unimproved lands. For further particulars, apply to

KENNETH BAILLIO,
Attorney and Agent,
July 23, 1887*] Opelousas, La.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION.

I will be in my office at Opelousas, daily, from Thursday October, 6th, to Thursday Oct., 27th, to revise and correct registration and to register those who have not heretofore been registered.

ADOLPHE LASTRAPES,
Opelousas, Sept. 10th, 1887. Registrar. 4t.

To All Whom it May Concern.

STATE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, Parish of St. Landry, Opelousas, September 9, 1887.

WHEREAS, the State and Parish Tax Rolls for the taxes of the year 1887 have been filed in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages for the parish of St. Landry, and a copy thereof has been delivered to me.

Now, therefore, I, C. C. Duson, State and Parish Tax Collector of the parish of St. Landry, acting in conformity with the provisions of section 40 of the Act No. 96 of 1882, do give notice that the taxes assessed in the year 1887 are set forth in the tax rolls on file in my office and in the mortgage office of the parish, that they are now due and that the taxes on movable property will become delinquent on the 1st day of October next, and on immovable property on the 31st day of December, 1887, and will bear 3 per cent per month interest (sections 40 and 52, Act No. 96, 1882) from that date until sold in accordance with article 210 of the Constitution.

The publication of this notice once a week for three weeks and the posting thereof on the door of the room in which the Civil District Court for the parish of St. Landry is held, is by law made full and complete notice to each taxpayer and to any person whom it may concern.

Taxpayers are accordingly invited to call at once in order to avoid interest and costs.

C. C. DUSON,
State and Parish Tax Collector,
Sept. 10. Parish of St. Landry.

Babies, Attention!

WHEN I shall have photographed *one hundred Babies*, I shall review them and that baby which in my estimation makes the most beautiful picture will get a life size water color portrait worth fifty dollars. If the babies come, one of them will get the picture—of this you may be sure.

Sep 10. JNO. J. BURKE.

Strayed or Stolen,

A SORREL mare, creole size, gentle and in fine order, has one ear split, a star on forehead and branded on hip thus: 2 and on shoulder thus: T. Another brand appears on the same shoulder, but is indistinct. A liberal reward will be paid for her return to

J. K. SANDOZ,
Sept 10. Opelousas, La.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

ONE hundred and seventy-eight acres of land, mostly woodland, about fifteen acres in cultivation, situated on bayou Teche about three miles from Barry's Landing, belonging to the estate of the late Dr. James Donovan. For particulars apply at this office. Sep. 10, '87-tf

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 Courtableau 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 of said Elizabeth street or corporation line [illegible] laid off on map of Gantt's addition to said town, south by Elbert Gantt's [illegible] 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, [illegible] and other improvements on said lot [illegible] to be put thereon, said property being seized on C. C. Dean vs. the Pelican Oil Mill.

Seized in the above entitled suit.

Terms—Cash.

July 13, 1887.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Land[illegible], No. 4698.

ESTATE OF MARIE MELINA JEANSONNE of [illegible]

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court in and for the parish of Saint Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the Court House in the town of Opelousas, St. Landry parish, on *WEDNESDAY*, Oct. 5, 1887, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Marie Mélina Jeansonne, deceased, to wit:

A certain tract of land, situated in Prairie Basse, in this parish, containing forty-seven arpents, more or less, bounded north by land of René Carrière and others, south by public road, east by public road leading to Barry's Landing, and west by land of Ambroise Valin. The improvements on the land and the growing crop are reserved.

Terms and conditions.—On a credit of one and two years from the day of sale; the purchaser or purchasers to furnish their notes, with security, in solido, to the satisfaction of the tutor and payable to his order. The notes to bear eight per cent interest from date until paid; vendor's privilege and special mortgage being retained on the property sold to secure the payment of said notes and attorney's fees, at rate of ten per cent thereon, in case of suit to enforce payment.

CHAS. VICTOR GUIDAT,
Sept. 3, 1887. Tutor.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4[illegible]

ESTATE OF ROSE THIERRY.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the District Court in and for the parish of Saint Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned testamentary executor or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the Court House, in Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on *THURSDAY*, October 6, 1887, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Rose Thierry, deceased, to-wit:

Two lots of ground, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, La., and bounded as follows: north by Grolée street, south by North street, east by property of Jean Médicis and west by Mrs. Robin.

Terms.—Cash.

SIMEON BIROTTE,
Sept. 3, 1887. Testamentary Executor

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, La., Aug. 31, '87.—Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the