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OPELOUSAS:

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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS,

Sixth Congressional District:

HON. S. M. ROBERTSON,

Of East Baton Rouge.

Election to be held November 1st, 1887.

TRIAL TRIP.

This issue of the Courier is sent to several parties not subscribers, who will continue to receive it for the balance of this year free of charge. After this trial we are confident that but few, if any, who have had this opportunity to judge of the merits of the Courier as a home newspaper will fail to continue as regular subscribers. Two Dollars, if remitted before Jan. 1, 1888, will then pay for the paper until Oct. 15, 1888, or $2.50 until Jan. 1, 1889.

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.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce Gen. THOS. C. ANDERSON as a candidate for Sheriff of St. Landry at the coming election.

We are authorized to announce Mr. OCTAVE FONTENOT as a candidate for sheriff at the election in April next.

The session of the District Court has drawn quite a number of people in town during the past week.

We are turning out superior job work now. New type and full line of stationery. Give us your orders.

To judicial advertisements, an important article on "A New State Weather Service," and other interesting matter, see our inside pages.

For the best oysters in town go to the "How Will You Have 'Em Saloon," in the rear of L. Desmarais' grocery. Also fresh fish, shrimps and crabs. See his advertisement.

A heavy snow-storm prevailed on the great lakes on last Monday. Killing frosts have fallen in the Middle States within the past few days. Our weather has been quite chilly for the past week also.

In an affray which took place at Ville Plate last Wednesday evening, Dr. J. H. Parker shot and killed one Paul Bay. The Dr. came to Opelousas on Thursday morning and surrendered to the Sheriff. He claims to have acted in self-defense.

Quite a number of wild geese were flying South on last Wednesday, and the Mallard and other varieties of ducks are reported in the ponds of our prairies. Partridges are very abundant and our professional and amateur nimrods are getting ready for the winter sport.

We appeal to all voters who claim to be Democrats to go to the polls next Tuesday and cast their votes for the nominee of their party, Col. S. M. Robertson. Do not hearken to the Democrat's undemocratic palaver, but do your plain duty. No sulking, no skulking, no treachery!

A cold wave struck this section on last Monday night, growing colder on Tuesday and Wednesday with cloudy weather, making it necessary to put on thick clothing for outdoor service and build fires to make the houses comfortable. With clear weather we may look out for "Jack Frost" to put in his appearance.

In a note inviting us to attend the Second Annual Fair of the "North Louisiana Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association," to be held at Shreveport from Nov. 8 to 12, Secretary M. L. Scovell guarantees to "show the best Fair ever held in the South." We hope it will prove so, and that its excellence may be an incentive to other sections of the State to take up the good work.

CHAMPION PERSIMMON.—Mr. J. B. Sandoz of our town sent a Japanese persimmon to this office on last Wednesday morning which surpasses anything of the kind in size that we have ever seen. The weight of the fruit was 10½ oz.; measurement—short circumference 12½ inches, long circumference 12½ inches; diameter 4 inches. The tree was from the stock of Mount Hope Nursery of T. J. Lacy, near Washington. Who can beat it?

Let our Democratic voters remember that the election for a congressman takes place on Tuesday, the 1st of November, and turn out to the polls on that day and cast their votes for the nominee, Col. S. M. Robertson. The Republicans have a candidate in the field, and it behooves every Democratic voter to do his duty, by voting for the Democratic candidate, otherwise he will be strengthening the hands of the Republicans. Go to the polls, Democrats, on the 1st of November.

At and near the Morgan depot is the scene of activity now, and has been for several weeks past. Wagons laden with cotton, rice and cotton seed are continually arriving and departing from the warehouses, and the weighmen of Joseph Block and Clements & Wilson are kept busy from early morn to dewy eve in receiving these products. Business is quite brisk with all of our leading merchants, and smaller dealers are doing a share of the sales where money is being spent for groceries and dry goods.

The "Star-Eyed Goddess of Reform" (the pinchbeck Louisiana article) got an awful black eye in the State Central Committee last week. When the plain Democrats in that body proposed to exclude from Democratic primaries all voters who cast their ballots for Blaine or Stevenson, Republican nominees, in 1884, the chosen representatives of the Reformers fought the very proper proposition with the same trepidation and horror that the Devil is supposed to manifest at the sight of holy water. They could hardly do less, however, with a bolter at the head of their ticket.

We call the especial attention of our readers to the article in our supplement of this week under the caption of "The Sixth Congressional District Election." Democratic voters should turn out at the polls in full force on next Tuesday, the 1st of November. The republicans have a candidate—Judge Young—in the field and they are going to give him a solid vote. The republicans in this parish are well organized and knowing the split and disaffection in the democracy of St. Landry they will poll every republican vote for their candidate next Tuesday. Therefore every man, who *claims* to be a democrat, must put aside all prejudices of whatever nature and rally to the support of the democratic nominee, Col. S. M. Robertson. Every democrat who stays away from the polls next Tuesday will be recreant to his party and will strengthen the vote of the republicans, which will be sold on that day. Bury your animosities, or at least lay them aside for a day, Democrats, and rally as one man to the polls on Tuesday next, and do your duty in electing a democratic congressman.

District Court.

Since our last report the grand jury concluded its labors, after reporting true bills in the following cases:

Paulin Fuselier, stabbing with intent to murder; J. B. Chevis, assault; Eli Chevis, horse stealing—two indictments; Page Payne, violating act 31; Geo. Moore, carrying concealed weapons; the same, violating act 31; Hayes Peyton, disturbing the peace; Landry Thomas, rape; Jim Smith, larceny; O. L. Phillips, assault with intent to commit rape; Henry Williams, larceny; Gay Harrison, shooting with intent to murder; Green Fulgum, assault and battery; Jas. Houston, Jr., maliciously shooting a cow; Sam Johnson, larceny; A. Veillon et als., malicious mischief; Dejean Gradenigo, larceny; Wm. Walker, carrying concealed weapons; Pierre Griffin, assault; Tom Whitefield, carrying concealed weapons; Pierre Griffin, carrying concealed weapons; A. Slaughter, larceny.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

State vs. Julien Ned, grand larceny—plead guilty;

State vs. Eugene Roy, trespass—plead guilty and fined $5 and costs, or ten days in jail;

Edward Grice, larceny—plead guilty and sentenced to sixty days in the parish jail;

Artémon Pitre, carrying concealed weapons—plead guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and costs, or be imprisoned ten days in the parish jail;

Wm. Riley, murder—acquitted;

Armas Brown, horse-stealing, nol. prossed; The same, same offence, plead guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years;

The three following cases were nol. prossed: John Lewis et als.—disturbing the peace; Narcisse Spriggins et als.—disturbing the peace; Brit. Kellebrew—rape;

State vs. Narcisse Daniels, larceny—two indictments, acquitted. The State, after all the evidence had been adduced, abandoned the case, and the judge charged the jury that they must acquit the prisoner.

The cases of Ben Serf and Abb. Scott, for selling cotton in the night time; Eliz. Eaglin, for disturbing the peace; Oct. Lartigue, for obtaining money under false pretenses, and Victor Bailey et al., for larceny, were dead docketed.

The New Orleans States exultingly proclaims that Nicholls was turned out of office by the bull-dozers. Now, every body in Ouachita parish will remember that the bull-dozers opposed calling a constitutional convention in 1878. McEnery himself stumped the parish against calling a convention. Theobalds voted against calling the convention. It is, therefore, palpable that the States has got its history wrong.—Telegraph.

Is it not palpable, rather, that the Telegraph thinks that Ouachita is the only parish in Louisiana where history is made? Judging the matter by its standard, we would think that the States is correct (assuming that the word "bull-dozers" embraces the "Bourbons," "White Leaguers," &c.—in fact, all the elements opposed to the cowardly, vacillating policy of the "Conservative Democrats," "Reformers," "Liberal Republicans," &c., of those days); for it was that element, led on by the COURIER, that made the fight in St. Landry for a constitutional convention, in opposition to the conservative element of the party, whose views found utterance in the Democrat. It was that ultra element, which at the time comprised some of the "Liberal Republicans" of 1872 who are now yelling the loudest for Nicholls, which carried St. Landry for a constitutional convention and shed no tears when that convention called for a new deal. And it was that same element, including the aforesaid "Liberal Republicans," who viewed with unutterable disgust the timid, temporizing mugwumpian policy of Nicholls and his advisers, and who heaped curses, not loud but deep, on many of the legislative and executive acts of his administration. The aforesaid L. R., however, are defending him and them now. And he has bolted a Democratic nomination since then. Has this utterly indefensible proceeding endeared him to them?

Last Sunday a change of schedule on the Morgan road went into effect giving two trains daily each way—one passenger and one mixed, as follows:

FROM NEW ORLEANS TO ALEXANDRIA.

	Passenger	Mixed
Leave New Orleans	12:15 p m	7:20 p m
Arrives at Lafayette	6:08 p m	12:43 a m
Leaves Lafayette	6:30 p m	8:25 a m
Arrives at Opelousas	7:21 p m	10:29 a m
Arrives at Cheneyville	8:50 p m	1:35 p m
Arrives at Alexandria	10:28 p m	

FROM ALEXANDRIA TO NEW ORLEANS.

Leaves Alexandria	5:32 a m	
Leaves Cheneyville	7:10 a m	2:15 p m
Leaves Opelousas	8:39 a m	5:21 p m
Leaves Lafayette	9:30 a m	7:20 p m
Arrives New Orleans	4:00 p m	7:45 a m

WEATHER AND FARM.—Previous to the late rains our planters devoted their labors almost entirely to picking out the cotton which was white in the fields, and the bulk of which was saved in fine condition. During the past few days, however, they have been gathering in the corn which had already been left too long in the fields. The latter crop is an excellent one, and bread will not be scarce in St. Landry with those who take care of their corn, but the short-sighted ones who are selling corn at 3 and 4 cents per gallon now will doubtless pay 10 cents for it before another crop is made. The corn crop was very short in most of the Western States on account of drouth, and the price has not declined in the New Orleans market. The sweet potato crop will be a very short one and prices will doubtless rule high.

TERPSICHOREAN.—The Fourth Anniversary Ball of the Opelousas Social Club at their hall on last Wednesday night was a most brilliant and enjoyable affair. The young ladies and gentlemen of our town, reinforced by accession from many portions of the parish, were out in full force and in fine spirits, and the many rich and beautiful "fancy dress" costumes added a dazzling appearance to the joyous spectacle. The event was a magnificent success in every respect, and every one enjoyed the evening to their hearts' content.

In the award of prizes for the most appropriate costumes, Miss Mélanie Jagou received the first prize, and Miss Rosa Lastrapes the second prize for ladies. Mr. Albert Bloch received first prize, and Mr. Joseph Cain second prize for gentlemen. Hurrah for the O. S. C.

RAILROAD DOTS.—A regular passenger train was placed on the Morgan road on last Sunday, which while facilitating travel has changed mail hours to such an unreasonable time as to inconvenience our people very much. The train departs at 8:39 a. m. for New Orleans, and arrives from thence at 7:21 p. m. The early hour of departure shortens time for mailing correspondence, and the late hour of arrival necessitates the trouble of waiting after night to get mails, which heretofore were obtained at 4 o'clock p. m. As usual the change was made without previous notice.

The Waco Advance is a lively Prohibition paper. In its issue of the 13th inst. it says: The San Antonio Times says "we seem to have degenerated into a nation of liars." Another exchange puts it tersely, albeit, a little differently when it says: "The country is now dominated by the antis."

It pays its respects to an opponent as follows: The price on monkeys as help for organ-grinders is higher than ever before. Bartow needn't apply, however. It takes educated monkeys.

As far as our observation goes, the only change proposed by the Reformers is a change of office-holders. They like the taste of Federal pap very well and would like to occupy the State and parish offices too for a spell, just—we suppose—to know how it feels to be called "ringsters" and other pet names by the fellows who would like to be in their shoes.

Rev. C. C. Kramer will officiate in the Church of the Epiphany, in this town, on next Sunday morning, Oct. 30th, at 11 o'clock. The Holy Communion will be administered.

The Reformers (with a big 4) have not yet proposed any reforms for city or country. The kind we have in Louisiana are not built that way.

Personal.

Dr. Valentine Irion, of Marksville, has taken up his residence among us, where he will practice his profession.

Dr. Jno. A. Haas, of Chataignier, was in town on Wednesday evening.

Mr. E. V. Barry, of Grand Coteau, was among the gay throng at the Social Club ball on last Wednesday night.

Mr. Henry L. Erlich, of Bayou Chicot, gave our office an appreciated call on last Tuesday.

Miss Hattie Haas, of Bayou Chicot, has been on a visit to friends here during the past week.

Misses Lucy Moore and Mimm Chacheré, of Plaquemine Ridge, visited our town last Wednesday and attended the ball given by the O. S. C.

Mr. N. W. Goodale, the special correspondent and solicitor of the New Iberia Enterprise, gave our office a pleasant call on Wednesday last. He is traveling in the interest of that excellent journal

Messrs. Thos. Duffy and Patrick Mealey, of New Orleans, (two of the famous "Big Four,") and District Attorney Lionel Adams, also of New Orleans, arrived here by Wednesday night's train in time to witness the opening grand march at the fourth annual ball of the Opelousas Social Club. The two latter, together with Gen. L. Jastremski, of Baton Rouge, who reached here by Thursday morning's train, constitute the committee appointed by the Democratic State Central Committee, at its session last week, to harmonize the differences in the party in St. Landry.

Among the visitors to our town during the past week were: Mr. Eli McDaniel of Lafayette; Dr. Rufus Webb and Raymond Clark, of Rayne; and Mr. F. G. Chevis, of Washington.

Mrs. E. C. Quirk, of Garland station, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Chas. Sprole, wife and son, of New Orleans, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mrs. Burnett, of San Antonio, Tex., is here on a visit, and is the guest of Mrs. P. L. Hebrard.

Among the people from abroad who attended the Social Club ball on Wednesday night, we note the fololowing: Mr. Felix Bienvenu, St. Martinsville; Mr. D. H. Bernard and sister, Arnaudville; Mr. — Petetin and Miss Nellie Haw, Grand Coteau; Mr. L. Goudchaux and Miss Leila Hayard, Big Cane; Messrs. I. and L. Cayret, Carencro.

Mrs. L. Goldstein, of New Orleans, is here on a visit to her parents.

We trust that our readers will give our supplement of this week a close perusal. Read how the reformers attempted to get control of the State Central Committee by setting up fictitious contests, and how they objected to persons who voted for Blaine or Stevenson being excluded from voting in Democratic primary elections. Read the article "Judged by the Record" and see that the object of the Reformers is not reform. Let intelligent and patriotic voters ponder over the facts contained therein and not be deluded by a faction who would wreck the Democratic party. Read Gov. McEnery's excellent speech at the Jeanmazette fair, on the "Farmer and his Work." Give the whole supplement your attention and a flood of light will be thrown on the true political condition of things in Louisiana.

We have on our table "Our Little Ones and the Nursery" for November, published by the Russell Publishing Co., No. 36 Bromfield, St., Boston. We unhesitatingly pronounce this magazine for children the best of its kind we ever saw, both as to the choice and interesting original matter written in a way to captivate our little ones, and the exquisite manner in which each subject is illustrated by artists who knew how to aid and reach the minds of children in comprehending practically each theme in all of its salient features. Send for a sample copy, and we feel sure every parent who has children will subscribe for it. Terms in advance $1.50 per year.

After fruitless endeavors here on Thursday and Thursday night to harmonize the differences in the party in St. Landry, the "Harmonizing Committee" left Opelousas on Friday morning for Washington, where the purer political atmosphere, it was hoped, would facilitate their labors and accelerate the devoutly-to-be-wished-for compromise. So mote it be.

No poll books having been returned from Coulée Croche, Bellevue and Leonville, it is probable that no election will be held at those polls next Tuesday, unless, indeed, these books are yet at those precincts. In the event that the books cannot be found, it has been suggested that the persons who usually vote at those polls may cast their ballots at some other precinct in their respective wards.

With the stock of jewelry that R. Mornhinveg has, and at the prices he is selling his goods, every young man in the parish can afford to make a nice present, one that will be both useful and ornamental, and will be sure to be appreciated, to his sister—and if he hasn't got a sister, he can give it to somebody else's sister.

Many of our young people will learn with pleasure that Mrs. Joffrion will soon be among us again, to instruct them in the graceful art of dancing.

The Waco, Tex. Advance is a strong Prohibition paper, edited by J. B. Cranfill, Esq., who is something of a humorist and a "jolly good fellow" withal. Here are a few extracts from its last issue:

According to Cranfill's doctrine, railroad trains ought to be prohibited.—Hillsboro Reflector.

Yes. But we are in favor of jackasses running at large, so the editor of the Reflector needn't be uneasy yet awhile.

The opposition of such fanatical sheets as the Waco Advance to Judge Grubb's book will everywhere be regarded as a favorable indication of the possible correctness of the position it seeks to maintain. Cranfill never had a practical idea in his head upon the subject of Prohibition.—Greenville Herald.

No. But he is a good judge of a mule, and pronounces the editor of the Herald a burro of the flea-bitten variety.

The Prohibitionists should give a little attention to the moon. It gets full twice this month.—Houston Post.

But it does not get full of the "personal liberty" that takes hold on hell. When the moon is full it sheds a halo of light into the dark places of the world and blesses the tender grass and redolent fruits with its resplendent, silver beams. But when the drinker gets full he sends darkness into his home, curses the God that made him and brings disgrace upon his children. The Post should not always lend its aid to the scattering of darkness and the manufacture of despair.

The Rev. Sam Small, the celebrated revivalist and co-worker of Rev. Sam Jones, has been in New Orleans for several days conducting a religious revival, and as usual has attracted large audiences to hear him. He was born and reared in New Orleans, but left there several years ago.

Remember, Democrats, that the election for Congressman takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and that it is your duty to go to the polls and vote.

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.

If you want anything in the jewelry line, call on R. Mornhinveg and look at the splendid display in his show windows; and you are cordially invited to walk in and price his goods.

Louisiana Democrat: McEnery's speech at Monroe was a clincher. The reformers hardly know what to say about it.

Do you want a cheap watch or clock? Call on R. Mornhinveg, the live jeweler.

Items of Interest.

Louisiana Democrat: A McEnery club is being formed in Alexandria, as also one in Pineville. The ball has commenced rolling.

Louisiana Democrat: The Nicholls men hereabouts now wear a despondent look, as if sick at heart. Before the campaign is over they will have "petered out."

The murder and robbery of John Leckie, at Alexandria, has led to the discovery of a portion of one thousand dollars' worth of jewelry stolen one year ago from the residence of W. D. Hynson, by burglars, and the arrest of several parties, in whose possession the property was found.

Advices from Washington state that four Territories are preparing to make earnest endeavors for admission to the Union as States this winter. These are Montana, Dakota, Washington and New Mexico. The proposition to divide Dakota into two States will be revived, but will probably be defeated in the House.

The Bienville New Era: The campaign of vituperation and rancorous animosity to the democratic state administration, that is being waged by the Reformers, is causing hundreds of fair minded and considerate men, who can see for themselves the good results of the present administration, to go over to the administration side in this contest.

Rayne Signal: As a result of the recent transfer of the B. & O. telegraph lines to the Western Union, nearly all of the offices are being discontinued. The office at this place was closed and the wires disconnected last Friday by the lineman of the Western Union. The public may now expect an unsatisfactory service at increased rates from an indiscriminate monopoly.

Capitolian Advocate: We see it stated that Capt. King has submitted his report to the police jury of St. Mary parish. It shows the commerce of the parish for 1887 to be $7,397,934 35, nearly $2,000,000 greater than in 1886. The report states there is a total commerce of $82,451,224 85 interested in the opening of Bayou Plaquemine.

At a large meeting held lately in the parish of Plaquemine the following, among other resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we condemn the campaign of vituperation and abuse lately inaugurated by the partisans of Gen F. T. Nicholls, believing, with the fair minded and thinking people of Louisiana, that such a course is unworthy of true Democrats and only calculated to sow the seeds of discord, disunion and disaffection in our Democratic ranks.

Webster Monitor: If the Hunt bolters in '84 were sincere in their pretensions that the nomination in the 1st District would be unfair, why didn't they accept the proposition made by the regular committee: to give them one-half the commissioners and the judge of the election in the primaries? This would have given them all the advantage. They were like the ass of the sons of Irene, who was being tried by a church for some offense; when told that he should have justice, he answered promptly: "And, by faith, justice is just what I don't want."

Historical Facts.

Thibodaux Sentinel.

The canvass inaugurated some months ago at Zachary station, in East Baton Rouge, and followed up almost daily by mass meetings in different parts of the State, in the name of Reform and in the interest of Gen. Nicholls' candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of Governor, while presenting an unusual and unprecedented spectable in this State, and one altogether at variance with the oft-repeated assertion of the reformers that the people are clamoring for the General's candidacy, that canvass, say we, has at last, much to the chagrin and discomfiture of the self-anointed reformers, served the good purpose of establishing certain historical facts upon a firm basis.

Had it not been for the campaigning tour of that band of self-styled reformers, led by a general whose term as Governor was abridged for cause, protected on the flanks against "dogs, hoodlums and rascals" by the redoubtable E. Howard McCaleb and Allen Thomas, and well covered in the rear by that rare pink of reform, Bob Ogden, there would have been no necessity for a mass meeting of democrats at Monroe on the 13th instant.

Without that mass meeting, Senator Gibson, the reformer, and Maj. E. A. Burke, that brainy, thorough, sterling democrat, would not have met on the same speakers' stand, in presence and hearing of Collector B. F. Jonas and Senator Jas. B. Eustis, and the Major might never have had the opportunity to state in the hearing of these two most important witnesses historical facts which completely demolish the puerile pretensions of the reformers that Nicholls saved the State in 1877; that Senator Gibson had a big hand in the job; that Collector Jonas owed his appointment to Senator Gibson; and that neither Senator Gibson nor Gen. Nicholls are to blame if the late lamented and chivalrous Fred. N. Ogden did not secure a Federal office at the hands of President Cleveland.

Senator Gibson, in his speech at the Monroe meeting, arrogated to himself, in a great measure, the credit of procuring, in April, 1877, from the authorities at Washington, a recognition of the Nicholls government, and he casually mentioned that Maj. Burke lent him some assistance. He also stated that Gen. Fred N. Ogden was his choice for Collector of the port of New Orleans, but Mr. Jonas had the call for that office.

Then and there, in presence and hearing of Messrs. Eustis and Jonas, face to face with Senator Gibson, and in the hearing of 2500 assembled Democrats, Major Burke, with proofs at hand, gave the facts connected with the simultaneous recognition of both the Louisiana and South Carolina State governments, these facts being well-known to many of the leading Democratic and Republican statemen of the land; and he also gave the facts as to the utter disregard by the Reform chief of the highly meritorious claims of the late Gen. Ogden to Federal recognition.

The remarks of Major Burke, pertinent to these matters, are clear cut, plain, dignified and stand unchallenged.

Wanamaker on Advertising.

John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia millionaire merchant, recently spoke as follows about advertising:

"I never in my life used such a thing as a poster, or dodger, or hand-bill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and to fill it up with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 400 circulation for 5000 dodgers or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a gambling scheme I might use posters. I would not insult a decent reading public with hand-bills. The class of people who read such things are poor material to look to for support in mercantile affairs. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him: How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for $100 or $500, as the case may be. I let him do the figuring, and if I think he is not trying to take more than his share I give him the copy. I lay aside the profits on a particular line of goods for advertising purposes. The first year I laid aside $3,000; last year I laid aside and spent $40,000. I have done better this year and shall increase that sum as the profits warrant it. I owe my success to the newspapers, and to them I shall freely give a certain profit of my yearly business.—Ex.

Congressional Committee.

The following is the district committee appointed by Hon. L. B. Claiborne, president of the Democratic Sixth Congressional District Convention: At Large—L. B. Claiborne, ex-officio as president of the convention; Hon. T. P. Harmanson, of Avoyelles; Charles L. Fisher, Esq., of West Feliciana; H. Wilkinson, Esq., of West Baton Rouge. Parish Members—Avoyelles, T. H. Thorpe; Acadia, Jas. Webb, East Baton Rouge, C. C. Bird; West Baton Rouge, Louis Kirkland; East Feliciana, F. D. Brame; West Feliciana, Bennett L. Barrow; Livingston, J. S. Settoon; Pointe Coupee, Robert Semple; St. Helena, M. A. Strickland; St. Landry, Gilbert L. Dupré; St. Tammany, George Ganse, Tangipahoa, J. N. Lanier; Washington, J. M. Burris.

PRICES DOWN. QUALITY UP.

It is conceded that the demand for Low Prices must be met, but the time for Buying and Selling Goods put up on purpose to Sell Cheap, without regard to quality, is past.

BEST GOODS AND *LOWEST PRICES*

Must be the Rule.

YOU WILL FIND

By a visit to our store that our stock is large, fresh, select and well assorted,

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We have unequalled facilities for handling these goods and we propose to make prices entirely satisfactory to the closest buyers.

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TRY US *Whether you wish to buy anything or have produce for sale, it will pay you to try us.* TRY US

CLEMENTS & WILSON,

New Store, near the Railroad, ... *Opelousas, La.*

Worse, and More of It.

Senator Eustis announced an axiom in his speech Thursday. It will live in history: "A negro can live under a white man's government but a white man cannot live under a negro government."—Ouachita Telegraph.

It strikes us that when two negroes were smuggled into a Democratic legislative caucus, in order to give Mr. Eustis the caucus nomination over Mr. Jonas, which was practically an election to the United States Senate, Mr. Eustis was heavily under "negro government." He got in &c.—St. Landry Democrat.

The same charge that the Democrat makes in the above extract was made the other day by the N. O. Picayune. Referring to it, the West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter says:

We believe there are certain matters—political, social and commercial—which are not bettered by ventilation and discussion through the public prints; and of this nature is the manner in which certain political ends are achieved. But since the Picayune has found it necessary (!) to ventilate this matter, it is well for the sake of history, that a certain little episode affecting Gen. Gibson be recorded at the present time. We enter no denial as to to the truth of the Picayune's statement with regard to the manner in which Hon. J. B. Eustis secured his election to the United States Senate nor do we affirm it. So far as the election of Mr. Eustis is concerned, the facts of the case are that the two negroes whose votes played such a prominent part therein were elected from Madison parish as Democrats and, as such, affiliated and voted with the Democrats on all party measures. These negroes were entitled to sit in a Democratic caucus and participate in the election of a United States Senator, and they did so.

But now, as a little matter of history, let us take a retrospective glance back to the year 1880, at which time ex-Gov. John McEnery and Gen. Randall Lee Gibson were rival candidates for the United States Senate. In the Legislature at that time was Simon Shaeffer, a coal black negro from Texas parish, an avowed Republican, who was by some peculiar process brought into the Democratic caucus, where he voted straight through for Hon. R. L. Gibson, who poses before the people to-day as the incarnation of Reform and the quintessence of all that is pure and holy in Nineteenth Century politics. He was elected. Now, mark you the sequel. Had this negro continued to act with the Democrats after the election of a Senator, some justification for that shady business might be urged; but the worst of the whole matter is that no sooner had the election of Mr. Gibson been consummated than the sable Shaeffer marched back into the Radical caucus, and continued thereafter, until the end of his term, to act and vote as a Republican with the Radical members of the Legislature.

On the day following the election of Mr Gibson as United States Senator, the African statesman from Texas sported a bran-new suit of clothes and exquisite gold studs, but of course they were presented to him by admiring friends in recognition of his superior ability in distinguishing between the vices of John McEnery, the Ringster, as compared with the virtues of Gen. Randall Lee Gibson, the Reformer, whom he helped elect.

If our senior Senator can refute these statements, let him do so; if not, it would be well for him to cease posing in the "I-am-holier-than-thou" attitude in matters political.

It seems to us that the sky-wiping orators among our Nicholls friends, who have run the third term argument for all it is worth, have been slightly set back within the past few days by acts of leading Democrats, which they fully approve. It has been telegraphed that a combination has been entered into by the friends respectively of Cleveland and Hill, the object of which is partly to secure the re-election of D. B. Hill to the governorship of New York. Now Governor Hill is in the same category as Gov. McEnery. When Grover Cleveland resigned the office of governor, he was succeded by Lieutenant-Governor Hill. At the next election the latter was elected governor and is now filling out his term. If he is elected again he will be filling what the Nicholls men call a "third term." And yet the leading men of the party in New York can see no harm in it, though his power is infinitely greater than that of Governor McEnery. Nor do good Democrats elsewhere see any harm in it. Even in Louisiana many of the Democrats of the Nicholls persuasion have put themselves on record as heartily endorsing it. What is good for Hill is good for McEnery. The third term has no terrors for men who think about it. We have shown that governors of the old states have been known to serve as many as seven and eleven terms. The only thing about a third term objectionable, is a sort of sentimentality in reference to the presidential office; because Washington set the example not to go beyond two terms. Hill will be elected and so will McEnery. Nobody will then count the number of their terms.

And we can not refrain from saying that here is another instance of inconsistency added to the long list of which the reformers have been guilty.—Ex.

Information Wanted

Of the following persons or their heirs, who are supposed to live in Louisiana:

Andrew McStee, Isaac Lee, Aaron Prescott, Wm. Dease, Wm. Whittaker, Jean Tetard, John M. Shreve, James M. Cace, H. S. Williamson, John G. Wolf, James E. Cox, Maurice Smith, Wm. Donoho, and Amos St. Clair. Address W. C. McCORD & CO., Des Moines, Iowa.

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Judge B. A. Martel.

The following tribute of respect was paid in the memory of Judge Martel in the District Court at Lafayette on Oct. 8, 1887:

If the Court please:

The announcement of a death is always startling to a community. On the 6th news reached us from St. Landry that Judge B. A. Martel had breathed his last after an active and eventful life of over 68 years.

A native of Louisiana, Judge Martel was thoroughly Louisianian, truly a remarkable man, endowed with indomitable energy, great purity of purpose and true to a fault to his friends, his family and his people. Deprived of the benefit of an early education, his turn of mind pointed out to him the forum of the law as the surest and best means to make for himself the position in society among his people, and his family, that he coveted. Under most adverse circumstances he undertook the study of that science and with a view of receiving instructions from renowned masters of the Civil Law he went to Paris, continued his studies and graduated.

On his return to Louisiana, he was admitted to the Bar and met in discussion in Opelousas as able and distinguished a Bar as any. The records of our Courts show his successes.

He was not long in becoming a leader in politics and was elected to the Senate. He filled that position with judgment and his career in that body evinced much zeal, honesty and patriotism.

He was also sought out as a lawyer to fill the position of District Judge for the 15th Judicial District and presided in this Hon. Court with much ability, firmness, integrity and patience.

His success in life is a bright example and worthy of imitation. It teaches to let no hardship deter—no difficulty discourage. Be true only to yourselves, labor well and diligently in the path of life you have selected and the Temple of honor and distinction will also certainly become your reward, in the field or in the Councils of the nation.

It is resolved, that in the death of Judge Athénémy Amédée Martel, we mourn a true friend, a pleasant companion, a noble and patriotic citizen, a magistrate of unsullied purity of heart and conscience,—in all respects a model to imitate.

That to his family we cannot offer any consolation that could relieve them of the distress their loss has occasioned them, but we may give them with truth and sincerity the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy, in this their hour of great grief.

That in token of our esteem and respect for his memory, that the members of the Lafayette Bar, with the officers of this Hon. Court, wear for thirty days the usual badge of mourning; and that as a slight testimonial of our participation in their sorrow and grief, a copy of these resolutions under seal of Court be transmitted to them.

Respectfully,

M. E. GIRARD.
J. A. CHARGOIS,
CHAS. D. CAFFERY,
ORTHER C. MOUTON.

Justice Magruder, of the Illinois Supreme Court, who pronounced sentence on the Chicago Anarchists, is a son of Prof. W. H. N. Magruder, of Baton Rouge.

Gov. McEnery Pleads Guilty.

Shreveport Journal.

In his speech last night, Mr. John R. Land said Gov. McEnery had been arraigned before the people on several serious charges, viz: With building up the credit of the State; with the aid of efficient school boards, appointed by himself, of establishing two public school houses throughout the State where there was only one before; with lending his aid and counsel to building up a system of levees from one end of the State to the other, by which millions of acres of alluvial lands have been protected against annual overflows; that his excellent management of the fiscal affairs of the State had induced foreign capitalists to come among us; that he had inflicted a hardship upon the people by appointing honest police jurors in all the parishes throughout the State, to all of which he, as counsel for the accused, pleaded guilty.

MARRIED—At the Catholic Church at Opelousas, Oct. 27, 1887, Mr. ARTHUR VELTIN and Miss JULIA MORNHINVEG, both of Opelousas.

We congratulate friend Arthur upon having won such a prize for "the partner of his joys and sorrows," and trust that they may have many of the former and none of the latter to fall to their share in their journey through life.

DIED—Near Opelousas, Oct. 22, 1887, at 8 p. m., Mrs. LAPERLE DUPRE, wife of Armand Wartelle, aged 40 years and 7 months.

A CARD

To the Voters of the Parish of St. Landry.

It having come to my knowledge that reports are circulated stating that I am not a bona fide candidate for Sheriff and am announced only to secure the position for some one else; and that I do not want the office.

I wish to say emphatically that the reports are not true. I wish to say also and want it distinctly understood, that I am a candidate for myself, and for no body else, and that I want the office.

I hope my friends will give me their support, their influence and their votes, as with their aid I shall surely be elected Sheriff of our grand old parish. I depend upon the active support of the party to which I belong.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON.

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A PLANTATION, well improved, situated on Bayou Petite Prairie, near Rosa station on T. & P. R. R., in this parish, containing 450 acres, 100 in cultivation, with good dwelling, stable and out-houses, and 4 laborers' houses. Will be sold cheap and on favorable terms. Apply to BLACK & MORRIS.

Oct. 29-1m. Opelousas, La.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

IN accordance with Act 101 of the session of 1882, the following polling places are hereby designated, and the following commissioners are hereby appointed to conduct the election to be held for a representative in Congress from the Sixth District of Louisiana, on TUESDAY, November 1st, 1887:

Opelousas, at Court House—G. L. Dupre, L A. Black, C. Mornhinveg;
Plaisance, at Blackshear's store—Godefroy Dupré, Edgar Dupré, Emile Dupré;
Waxia, at school house—Jos. Lumpkins, Robert Dunbar, Theo Hawkins;
Negrofoot, Abram Meyers' store—D. D. Hudspeth, T. A. Hicks, Lucius Thornton;
Lower Bayou Bœuf, at Fisher's store—E. C. Quirk, Samuel Roberts, Wm. Huckaby;
Upper Bayou Bœuf, at D. A. Savant's store—Jno McMillan, Homer Savant, Chas Lafleur;
Big Cane, at Havard's store—Otis Collins, F Cason, W. E. Gay;
Prairie Laurent, at Carrière's store — Ernest Roy, O. Carrière, Jr., J. J. Thompson;
Bellevue, at school house — T. J. Hough, A Dimmick, Vaucheré Boutté;
Grand Coteau, H. M. Dunbar's store—Joseph Burleigh, Claiborne Smith, E. O. Elmer;
Coulée Croche, near P. D. Richard's—Albert Guidry, Gustave Delahoussaye, Honoré Mèche;
Barry's Landing, at D. P. Saizan's—A. C. Deville, A. Valin, Louis Mélançon;
Léonville, Zephirin Cormier's—Ev Thibodeau, Placide Robin, Emile Lanclos;
Washington, at Town Hall—Oscar Lacombe, Ernest Lalanne, Octave Baillio;
Old Grand Prairie, Paul [illegible] deur, Ernest Brignac, [illegible]
Bayou Chicot, at Sim [illegible] J. Sudduth, T. P