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OPELOUSAS:

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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President:

GROVER CLEVELAND,

Of New York.

For Vice-President:

ALLEN G. THURMAN,

Of Ohio.

For Congress—Sixth District:

SAMUEL M. ROBERTSON,

Of East Baton Rouge.

Yesterday, September 28th, was the

twentieth anniversary of the "Opelousas Riot."

There will be divine services at the

church of the Epiphany, Opelousas, to-

morrow at 4:30 p. m. by Rev. C. C. Kramer.

The game law expires by limitation

on next Monday, and partridges are

abundant. The blue winged teal, the

quaint-courser of the duck tribe, has not

made its appearance yet.

Charley Pefkon, the Isaac Walton

casparian, caught 18 fine casparian on

last Sunday. Charley rakes them in

where others can't get a bite, and

don't "spit on his hook" either.

Mr. J. Kossuth Sandoz caught 17 fine

casparian in the Courtableau on last

Sunday. Look out, Charley, your

"champion line" is in danger of being

snapped by a strong competitor.

J. B. Sandoz & Bro. have a large

stock of Carriages, Hacks, Buggies,

Gigs, etc., which they are selling at the

lowest living prices. Call and inspect

the fine assortment now on hand.

Vilaseca has just received a lot of

fresh fish and Bayou Cook oysters,

which he will serve up in any style at

his stand opposite the market. During

the court he will serve a good cheap lunch

at all hours of the day.

If you want to have a good time, and

enjoy a real musical, dramatic and

terrestrial treat don't forget the

grand entertainment to be given by the

Opelousas Social Club at their Hall on

next Wednesday, Oct. 3. Admission

only 25 cents.

Mr. Stewart has demolished the old

market house, and the fire department

will find temporary lodgings as follows:

The steamer is quartered back of Liff

tell's drug store, the Hook and Ladder

trunk on the Public Square and the

hand engine at B. F. Meglin's stable.

The first bale of new cotton from this

vicinity, covered with the new style

cotton bagging, was raised by L. J.

Derbes, on his place near Washington,

weighed 515 pounds, was sold by him

to Leon Wolf of that town, and shipped

on the steamer Dickey on Saturday

last to New Orleans.

We direct attention to the advertisement

of the Mount Carmel Convent, of

Washington, La., in another column.

This is an educational institution of

which our people may well feel proud,

and is well worthy of the entire confi-

dence and liberal patronage of our peo-

ple.

At a special meeting of the Town

The 36th Volume of the Courier.

Leaving out a brief suspension in

1870 and the forced suspension of sev-

eral months during the war when the

type, material, &c., of the COURIER

were seized, barreled up and shipped

to Morgan City and its editor held as a

prisoner by the Federal authorities, we

enter, with this number, our 36th vol-

ume. Founded on Dec. 11th, 1852, it

maintained its loyalty and consistency

throughout all the stirring and change-

ful events of the late war, the subse-

quent trying period of reconstruction,

and the nine years of Radical misrule

and corruption before our State was

emancipated by the restoration of Demo-

cratic supremacy and constitutional

government. During the war (when

not suspended by Federal authority)

the COURIER stood to its journalistic

post of duty, and printed its matter on

wall paper, brown paper or any sort of

paper that would give an impression,

publishing the latest news, advocating

the cause of our section and denouncing

the tyranny and injustice of our oppres-

sors. After the close of the war (when

many so called Democratic papers were

muzzled or subsidized organs to the Re-

publican party and grew fat upon the

"pap" dispensed to them in a monopoly

of the printing), the COURIER, adher-

ing to its Democratic principles, opo-

sed the heresies of Radicalism at ev-

ery step, exposed its vicious

corruption, and lent its aid in freeing

our State of the last vestige of carpet-

bag rule and the ruinous taxation that

was impoverishing our people. Those

were dark days, when publishing a

Democratic paper scarcely kept on

from starvation; yet the ordeal was

survived and the consolation of duty

conscientiously performed towards our

section and the just rights of an op-

pressed people, was compensation

enough for our trials and efforts in so

glorious a cause.

Accepting the issues settled by the

late war, we, with a true Democratic

spirit, recognize the rights and privi-

leges of all classes under the laws of

our country. Politically, we shall con-

tinue to follow and advocate the prin-

ciples laid down in the National Demo-

cratic platform. Believing in party

unity, we shall support the nominees of

all regularly organized conventions.

Believing in party fealty, we will con-

demne any disintegrating element. Re-

garding all public officials as servants

of the people, and as accountable to

the people, we claim and will exercise

the right to criticize their official con-

duct where there is an omission of duty

or an abuse of authority. A free press is

the bulwark of American liberty, and a

paper that does not watch and uphold

the true interests of the whole people

is not worthy of the confidence and sup-

port of the people.

Retrospecting our past journalistic

career, we find nothing to regret—

save some errors of the head, common

to all—and in the future, as in the past,

we shall battle for Democratic prin-

ciples, the education of our masses, and

the building up of the industrial, com-

Personal.

Sol. Isaacs departed on Sunday morn-

ing on a business trip to New

Orleans.

Dr. V. K. Irion has taken a vacation,

and is visiting relatives and friends in

Avoyelles parish.

Dr. C. A. Hardey of Chataignier, who

was in town on Wednesday last, he came

to meet his charming daughter Rosa,

who was on her return from a visit

among friends at Franklin.

Dr. John Thibault of Lockport, accom-

panied by his estimable wife, who

have been on a visit to our town, re-

turned home some days since.

Mr. W. S. Durke, of Washington,

paid us a pleasant visit this week. He

was on his way to Lafayette where he

will spend some time among friends.

H. H. Deshotels, of Old Grand Prairie,

dropped in to see us a few days ago,

looking hale and hearty and good-na-

tured as of yore.

Mr. J. J. Beauchamp, the "young

man" the COURIER referred to 36 years

ago, has been appointed Clerk of

Registration for St. Landry.

Dr. M. E. Demaree, of Washington,

La. gave our town a short business vi-

sit last Thursday.

Mr. A. L. Stagg, of Barboock, gave us

a pleasant call yesterday morning. He

reports crops in his neighborhood as far

below the average.

Miss Nettie, second daughter of our

former prisoner Hon. J. Massie Mar-

tin, was united in marriage on Wednes-

day last at Lafayette to Mr. F. J. De-

gravel, of St. Mary parish.

Mr. D. Conkling, Jr., of Washington,

was a visitor to our town last Thursday.

The outrage mill is still in active

operation in our parish. About mid-

night on Tuesday last a party of five

men approached the residence of a col-

ored man named André Pierre Auguste,

living on a place of his own, near the

plantation of Henry Lastrapes, some

five miles from town, and after calling

Auguste, who through fear that some-

thing was wrong failed to respond,

commenced a fusillade at the door and

windows, and after threatening to re-

turn with a larger force, departed, leav-

ing the inmates more frightened than

hurt. Auguste is a quiet, hard working

man, does not bother himself in polit-

ical affairs, and has no idea as to the

identity of the parties committing the

outrage, as he is unaware that he has

any enemy living. The door and win-

dow were riddled with buck shot, a large

number of which entered the dwelling,

but luckily, no one was injured.

At the last gubernatorial election, the

declared vote of this parish was, Nich-

ols, 4,007; Warmoth, 3,324; total, 7,-

331. If we add to this number, ten per

cent, for those who were entitled to the

right of suffrage and did not exercise it,

we have a grand total of 8,064 in the

parish who are entitled to vote, and

an audit of the parish show 7,336 as

the number of polls assessed, leaving a

balance of 728 which are left out in the

cold. The question naturally arises,

why is this discrepancy between those

who should be assessed, according to

Reminiscences.

In the Opelousas COURIER of Jan. 8,

1853, we read the following:

"BELL-CHESEY SPRINGS. — These

springs were sold, at public auction, on

Saturday last, 1st inst., to Messrs. J. J.

Beauchamp, of Opelousas, and Joseph

Daigle, fils, of this parish, for the small

sum of \$6100. Messrs. Beauchamp and

Daigle are two intelligent and indus-

trious young men." &c.

To look at "Uncle Jerry" now, one

would hardly think that he ever was

"young."

In the same issue we read:

"EIGHTH OF JANUARY, 1815!—Once

more we come to celebrate the ever

memorable day, when the she-wolf of

the Old World was driven out of our

land by the hunters of the South-West.

This day, 38 years ago, England was

taught that Orleans, with her broad,

glittering belt of sand and bales of cot-

ton, was more fertile than rock-built

cities. She was taught that her vain

title of Arbitress of Nations and Ruler

of the Waves was as false as the hypo-

critical motto in her leopard's clutches,

'God and My Right.'

The same issue contains the returns

of the election held throughout the

State on the 27th of Dec., 1852, by

which it appears that in Orleans Par-

ish, Whig of St. Landry, for Governor,

received 4244 votes, and Hébert, Dem.,

of Iberville, 5507. Borden's majority in

St. Landry was 328, he having re-

ceived 856 votes to 528 for Hébert. Hé-

bert was elected. The Whigs elected

all four Representatives from St. Lan-

dry, Messrs. Jonathan Harris, Hypolite

Chrétien, John E. King and Augustin

Guillory defeating the Democratic can-

didates, Messrs. Benj. R. Gantt, Pla-

cide D. Guillen, Jos. E. Andrus and

Sol. B. Harman. The Whigs also elect-

ed their Senators for the district com-

posed of St. Landry and Calcasieu,

Messrs. Achille Dupré and T. M. An-

dersen defeating Mr. Elisha Andrus and

Dr. E. M. Millard, Dem. Of these, all

are dead except Messrs. Harman and

Dupré.

Another item from the same issue is

of interest, as showing that Prohibition

is a new issue in Louisiana:

"A vote was taken in New Orleans,