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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1888.

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.

Three weddings took place at the Catholic Church last Thursday evening in the space of an hour.

Vatter has removed his furniture repair shop to Landry street, second block from the railroad. Give him a call.

A runaway team ran into and smashed the rear wheel of a buggy, hitched at Harry Bloch's residence, on last Monday morning.

The State Fair at Baton Rouge will open Oct. 22 and continue six days. See advertisement and prepare your exhibits.

The foundation of the new market house was laid on last Wednesday morning. The building will be 58 x 60 feet, the floor paved with flag stones, and the roof covered with slate. It will be a solid and commodious structure when finished.

A colored woman, some 60 or 70 years of age, was run over and almost instantly killed near Grand Coteau, by the regular train last Thursday evening about 6:15 o'clock. The body was left at Grand Coteau station and the relatives of the unfortunate woman promptly notified.

We publish a proclamation from Governor Nichols recommending the State Fair at Baton Rouge to the attentive consideration of Louisiana. We endorse his words and urge our parishioners to do all in their power to have a worthy representation on that important occasion. Fair begins Oct. 22.

Deputy Sheriff Mornhinweg last week arrested and lodged in our parish jail a white man accused of complicity in a murder committed some months ago at West Melville, on the Atchafalaya. A colored man accused of complicity in the same crime was pursued and shot at, and it is thought, badly wounded, but escaped.

Some days ago competition was so lively in the rice market of our town that money was lost on some shipments to New Orleans. During the past week, however, prices have become so adjusted as to allow a fair margin for risks and profits to our local buyers. Rice now sells at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel; cotton seed \$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton; cotton 9 to 9 1/2 cents per pound.

The entertainment given last Tuesday night by the ladies of Marksville for the benefit of the public schools, was a grand success in every way.—Marksville Review.

Why should not our ladies give an entertainment for the benefit of our public schools? It would undoubtedly prove a financial success, and the ladies would, as they always do, make it a success in all other respects.

The planters will not hereafter be dependent upon the bagging makers. They can get stuff that will do just as well as the jute. And in this way the Bagging Trust is cutting its own throat. By trying to squeeze money out of the helpless cotton planters it has taught the planters that they are no longer helpless. This lesson will break the trust. It is a pity that trusts cannot be so readily punished.—Louisville Post, Dem.

WEATHER AND FARM.—With the exception of light showers, on last Tuesday, the weather has been clear and pleasant for the past two weeks, affording the planters an excellent opportunity for picking cotton and harvesting rice. The caterpillars, as a general thing, did but little damage to the cotton, and during the clear dry weather it too opened rapidly. The staple is of very good quality. Comparatively speaking, but little damage was done the rice crop by the late storms and rains.

We learn that a colored woman gave birth to a child while hiding out in the woods on last Tuesday night. The woman among the colored people, in some neighborhoods, has been so great in the past few weeks, that many of them have been afraid to sleep in their cabins. This is certainly an unfortunate state of affairs, and our officials and jurists, now that court is in session, should see to it that lawlessness of every kind is promptly and sternly put down. Let the majesty of the outraged law be asserted in an emphatic manner, and evil-doers will be dismayed and confidence restored.

We have on our table a very neatly printed pamphlet, written by that veteran nurseryman, Mr. T. J. Lacy, proprietor of the Mount Hope Nursery, Washington, La. In this little volume, given *gratis* in *parvo*, will be found complete instructions for successful fruit culture in the Gulf States, south of latitude 32 degrees. Mr. Lacy's thirty years' experience, with fruits and fruit trees in Louisiana, makes him eminently competent to publish so valuable a treatise for the guidance of our people in properly establishing and cultivating their orchards. Price 25c. Address, T. J. Lacy, Washington, La.

Let No Guilty Man Escape.

We are glad to note the fact that Judge Lewis, in opening the present term of the District Court, charged the Grand Jury specifically upon mob law and the late atrocities committed in certain sections of our parish. In voicing the general sentiment of the people upon these recent outrages, we in our turn say to the officers of the Court that they are now looked to to see that no guilty man escapes. The shooting of the two hand-cuffed prisoners in the custody of an officer, the killing of a man at Arnaudville and two others in Ville Plate prairie in the night, the shooting into the house of the man Auguste, have caused a feeling of uneasiness and unsafety among both the white and colored people throughout the parish. Only a few disorderly people are connected with these outrages, and the mass of the people of St. Landry want to see quiet and good order restored in their borders. They look to the Courts of the country and to the officers of the law to bring these offenders to justice and to assure protection to all classes of our citizens. If the strong hand of the law is not promptly interposed to punish these crimes, it may be reasonably expected that similar ones will be committed in the future. Let no guilty man escape!

Improvements.

An elegant fence is being put around the lot on which stands the Presbyterian Church, on Main street. A very pretty porch has been added to Mrs. Healey's residence, near the southern extremity of Main street. Mr. Cleophas Comeau's elegant and commodious two-story building, on the corner of Bellevue and Court streets, is rapidly nearing completion. Lumber for a new cottage is being placed on a lot near the foot of Main street. Large piles of bricks, sand and slates are on the ground near the site of the new market house, and its erection will be rapidly pushed forward.

The Concert.

The Opelousas Social Club gave one of their most delightful entertainments at their hall, on last Wednesday night, and a large and appreciative audience were in attendance to enjoy the many pleasant events of the evening. We have not the time nor space to notice in detail the splendid execution of a most interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, and the very laughable farce—"The Mous Trap." The following talented amateurs contributed their musical and histrionic abilities to the occasion, and added new laurels to their past flattering achievements, viz: Mrs. M. K. Lastrapes, Miss J. Bloch, Miss Helen Lastrapes, Miss Fannie Jacobs, Miss Rosa Lastrapes, Miss Alice Labyche, Miss Corinne Isaac, Mr. Willie Lastrapes, little Louise Veazie, Miss Pauline Isaac, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Henry L. Garland, Jr. and Miss Birdie Harmonson. The cast of characters in the farce so admirably rendered was—Miss G. Hebrard, Miss Pauline Isaac, Miss Lily Swazey, Miss B. Harmonson, Miss Corinne Isaac, Miss Fannie Jacobs and Mr. Joe L. Cain. After partaking of a fine supper the hall was cleared of seats and many more hours were delightfully spent in reciting the many windings of the dance. The Social Club never fail in their efforts to interest an audience, and the announcement that they will give an entertainment always draws a crowd to their spacious hall.

General Notes.

Heavy frosts have fallen in many of the Southern States. The Louisiana State Fair at this city will open with all the ceremony and brilliancy that was at first expected on the 22d inst., and continue until the 28th. Col. W. L. Brown, editor of the New York Daily News, wagered in that city on Saturday \$20,000 to \$12,000 that the Democrats would carry New York State. The other party to the bet was Mr. Tilton, of Massachusetts. The money was put up by each and deposited in a trust company for safe keeping. B. R. Advocate: Capt. J. S. Lavier, Registrar of the Land Office, has finished his quarterly report, which shows that there were entered a total of 16,196.95 acres of land, of which 132,717 acres were sold, and netted the State \$631,008. The rest was entered as homesteads, and much of that sold was swamp land. Local antiquarians and zoologists are enchanted at present with a live fossil found in the course of railway excavations at Greenock on the Clyde. The fossil, it is estimated, is from 20,000 to 30,000 years old, as the stratum of clay in which it was found dates from the glacial period. Its mouth is sealed up. It breathes slightly through the nostrils, and though the eyes are quite expressive, it does not seem to see. B. R. Advocate: Judge A. W. O. Hicks, of Shreveport, has decided that witnesses for the defense in criminal cases where there is a conviction are not entitled to any pay for attendance upon court. The Defender congratulates the people of Cadeau that this terrible expense is to be avoided. It is indeed a serious question, this matter of the expense of a criminal prosecution. By paying five cents daily for the Times-Democrat, it will cost \$18.25 a year. We have made arrangements to give the Daily Times-Democrat with the Courier for \$12.00 a year. Just note the saving.

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Cost for one buggy 75 cents. All colors at C. Dietlein's.

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District Court.

The following parties have pleaded guilty at the present term of court and have been sentenced: Jos. Thibodaux, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$50 and costs, or ten days in jail; Omin Fontenot, same offense, fined \$50 and costs or ten days in jail; J. R. Fontenot, same offense, \$25 and costs or 5 days in jail; Adam Jean Pierre, same offense, \$50 and costs or 10 days in jail; Henry Kirkwood, bigamy, \$10 and costs and 10 days in jail; if fine and costs be not paid, five more days in jail; Jim Beck, concealed weapons, \$50 and costs or ten days in jail; Robert Pointer, Louis Boutte, Anatole Scott, and Paul Faube, same offense, same sentence; Alphonse Bush, same offense, \$25 and costs or five days in jail; Sanders Bennett, assault and battery, \$25 and costs or 10 days in jail; Camille Laudy, concealed weapons, \$50 and costs or ten days in jail; Louis Jackson, Adam Brown and Louis Boss Sam, same offense, same sentence; Lawrence Winnfield, larceny, sixty days in jail; Ozoim Jules Fontenot, assault, \$5 and costs or three days in jail; Ernest Duplchain, assault with dangerous weapon with intent to kill, sixty days in jail; Monroe Johnson and Gus Parker, violating Act 31 of 1886, each fined \$25 and costs or ten days in jail; Ben England, assault and battery, 80 days in jail; Landry Thomas, tried by jury for rape, found guilty of assault; Henry Pollard, cruelty to an animal, (maiming and beating a mule,) thirty days in jail and costs; The same, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and costs or 10 days in jail; Emile Antoine, inflicting wound less than mayhem, \$25 and costs and thirty days in jail; Alphonse Pain and Artemon Jacques, carrying concealed weapons, each fined \$50 and costs or ten days in jail.

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The Only Survivor of the Alamo Disaster.

Special to The Times-Democrat. WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—For several days there has been at the National Hotel a man with a history. William James Cannon is his name. When the Texas Republic was making her struggle for freedom occurred the heroic defense which ended in the massacre of the Alamo. "Thermopylae" had her messenger of defeat—the Alamo had none." It is the inscription on the battle monument which marks the place where the gallant Curtis, Bowie and Crockett fell. But there was a survivor. A boy by some miracle escaped the universal slaughter. It was William James Cannon—"The Child of the Alamo." He is now an old man with long white hair, which falls around a face remarkably like that of the late Secretary Seward, though seamed and roughened by a frontier life. He has led a most eventful life, which would furnish the foundations for a dozen lurid dime novels. He speaks fluently Spanish and a dozen Indian tongues. He followed Crockett into the Mesquero retreat in the Sierra Madre. He wears a broad sombrero of Spanish felt, a present from Gen. Bragg, United States minister to Mexico. A claim for some 70000 acres of valuable Texas lands brings him to Washington.

Invitation to Immigrants.

OF ALL the pretty states north, south, east and west, Louisiana is the prettiest, the richest and the best. Our lands are most fertile, our climate nice and warm; The people here are sociable, and not disposed to harm; We have room for many thousands, and bid them come along; And bring their wives and little ones to join us in our song. It is here we raise the orange, likewise the sugar cane; We also raise the cotton lint, and many kinds of grain; Our gardens give us healthy food, while every kind is seen. From the pumpkin to the turnip, likewise the Boston bean. Our orchards of incense fruits are filled from year to year, Presenting golden pictures, the stranger's eyes to cheer. We have figs here in profusion, the most dainty fruit that's grown; While peaches, pears, pomegranates are too common to be shown. Our cattle here are always fat, they need no feeding care, But roam the woods and sunny glades, and royally they fare. Our soil is deep and easy tilled, with either plow or hoe, While neither rock nor stone is found, on which to stamp the toe. Then come along, come along, make no delay, Come from every section, (except from China far away). Our lands are broad enough, don't be alarmed, There is plenty of room on every side, for you to get a farm. —Bankie-Blade.

Proceedings Board of Police.

October 1st, 1888. Present: John C. Mornhinweg, President, Louis Cochran, B. F. Higgins, and Solomon Loeb. On motion of J. C. Mornhinweg seconded and carried, minutes of Aug. 11th, Sept. 3rd, Sept. 13th, Sept. 19th and Sept. 24th were read and adopted. Mr. Loeb made his quarterly report as treasurer and the same was read and handed to the Finance Committee for inspection. Mr. Loeb being on said finance committee asked to be relieved on account of his being treasurer; same was granted and Mr. Martin Badd appointed instead. The following bill was read, approved and ordered paid: Balance due Picayune for advertising plans, specifications, etc., \$40.00. On motion of S. Loeb, duly seconded and carried, C. A. Brundage's bill of \$300 was laid on the table for proper approval. On motion of S. Loeb duly seconded and carried, that a committee of two be appointed to revise the paper list and that they report to the Clerk, as soon as practicable those entitled to be on said list. The chair appointed on said committee: S. Loeb and J. K. Sanderson. On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned, subject to call. J. C. MORNHINWEG, President. W. B. COCHRAN, Clerk.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, who have been residing in the mountains of Virginia for some weeks past, returned home on Saturday evening last. Gen. O. Elms departed on Sunday morning for camp in the western part of the parish, where he has some weeks' work surveying. He was accompanied by E. P. Goodwin, Willie Cummings, and his son Charlie. Mr. Black of Opelousas of the firm of Black and Morris, Opelousas, La., has been busy among us this week, in the fire insurance business.—Marksville Review.

The Chinese Exclusion Bill.

The President has approved the Chinese exclusion bill, as he was expected to do, and has accompanied his approval by a document explaining in the clear and straightforward style with which the country is now familiar, the reason for his action. This document places all the essential points of the Chinese question in a clear light, and shows how necessary to the protection of American labor was the enactment of strict legislative measures to exclude the Chinese, failing the accomplishment of the same purpose by amicable treaty arrangements between the two nations. The laws already in force for the restriction of Chinese immigration were, as President Cleveland points out, constantly, systematically and fraudulently evaded and violated, and had to be restrictive. A strong and more sweeping measure—approaching to absolute exclusion of Mongolian laborers—had become necessary. Not only was such a measure demanded on behalf of the American laborer, but also of the Chinese themselves, who have come to this country without realizing the strength of the feeling against them among the population of the States in which they are numerous. The hostility to the Chinese on the Pacific slope was a fact which had to be recognized, and could not be altered. Either the Mongolian or the Caucasian had to go.

American Legion of Honor.

The American Legion of Honor is a Fraternal Benefit Society, organized December 18, 1875. It now has ten hundred and eighty-five Councils, eighteen Grand Councils, and over sixty-two thousand members. It has paid to the widows and orphans of its members over a million of dollars. It guarantees to its members the absolute payment of their certificates in full, no matter what may happen, and they are assured that the money secured by a perfect plan of benefit assurance is the outgrowth of long experience, and one in which the faults of others are avoided, and their good features are retained. The American Legion of Honor provides for a Relief Benefit that can be used in case of sickness or accident. A Certificate for \$1,000 carries \$4 weekly benefit: 2,000 " 8 " " " 3,000 " 12 " " " 4,000 " 16 " " " 5,000 " 20 " " " Some one has said that a poor man's purse may be empty but that he has as much gold in his heart as any man. So in the American Legion of Honor he has as much gold of fraternal feeling and as much a jewel of protection as the millionaire, and more than he can secure in the most costly institutions where a man must be wealthy in order to be a policy-holder therein. The American Legion of Honor is every man's Order, the rich man's and the poor man's, and here all may find "that protection for loved ones against the cruel king of terrors, which is secured beyond the shadow of a doubt, and herein all are equal as social equals." "Helping out others as they would have others do unto them."

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\$25,000 in purses and premiums. Exhibits from all parts of the world. Over 100,000 feet of floor space.

One of the best race courses in the South, and some of the finest race horses in the country have been entered.

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Every variety of amusement and attraction for the entertainment of visitors has been secured.

There will be the largest display of fine stock, machinery and agricultural implements ever witnessed in this section of country.

No better opportunity will ever be offered to visitors to see the wonderful resources of the great State of Louisiana.

The new Opera House will be thrown open during the Fair, with Thomas W. Keene in Richard III and Shakespeare's tragedies, and the Gilbert-Huntley Comedies.

Daily excursion rates on all railroads.

NOTICE.

THE stockholders of the St. Landry Home and Loan Association, are hereby notified, that a loan of Six Hundred Dollars, (\$600.00) will be offered for sale, at the Court Room, on Monday, October 15th, 1888, at 7 o'clock p. m. W. C. PERRAULT, Sec'y. St. L. H. & L. A.

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Have a large stock of

Carriages, Hacks, Buggies, Gigs, &c., &c.,

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NOTICE.

I AM applying for a Homestead on the north east quarter of section 31, in Township 4, south Range 2 west, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana.

J. B. CARSON.

Bayou Chicot, La., Sept. 29, 1888.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

There will be a meeting of the School Board on Saturday, October 6th, 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m.

LAURENT DUPRE, President.

L. E. LITTLE, Secretary.

TO TOWN TAXPAYERS.

THE taxpayers of the town of Opelousas are hereby notified that the listing and estimation of the valuation of all real and personal property situated within the corporate limits of the town of Opelousas has been completed, and is now exposed at my office in the Court House in the town of Opelousas for inspection and correction, and that the same will no longer remain open for the space of thirty days from this date.

Opelousas, Sept. 29, 1888.

JEFF. THOMPSON, Collector.

Taken up as Estrays.

BY the undersigned in Plaquemine, one BROWN bull-face BEEF about 5 or 6 years old, right ear uncut, left ear forked, no visible brand.

Also a light bay BULL about 10 or 12 years old, branded on the right hip (face-simile) with strength and usefulness, so long as death has power to take the husband and father from wife and children.

Self-respect in every man who has a family dependent on him should compel him to spare nothing for their future welfare. He is responsible to them, and to the community, that they shall be cared for as far as possible by his exertions. In no way can this be done more certainly or economically than in the American Legion of Honor. It is a sentiment always gives a man with the ratio of opportunities he has improved.

Every man makes more or less effort to provide an estate for the future of his family. Successful accumulation of savings for this purpose is the exception, failure the rule. The desire can be made a certain accomplishment in the American Legion of Honor, as a member of families in the United States can testify.

Whatever gives peace of mind, other things being equal, adds to one's days. Many men declare that it is worth all it costs them in the end they desire from it in knowing that their families are provided for.

The American Legion of Honor benefit certificates outstanding represent a total of nearly \$190,000,000.

"I say, Mrs. Douglas, can you tell me how to get up some new dishes to please my family? They have grown tired of mush and milk three times a day."

Mrs. Douglas—"Why, Mrs. Brown I am surprised that you have not heard the news. Go to the COURIER office and read the subscription to the AMERICAN FARMER on your face. In it you can not only learn how to make new recipes, but you get many instructions from the editor in advance, and of great value. I could not do without—AMERICAN FARMER."

Communications touching on anything of public interest are solicited.

Bring Me Your Cotton Seed.

I will pay the highest market price in cash for Cotton Seed, at my office near the railroad depot, Washington, La.

ST. C. DERRES.

Washington, Sept. 15, 1888.

JOSEPH M. MOORE,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

HAS resumed the practice of his profession and will practice in the Courts of Saint Landry and Acadia. Office on Bellevue street near corner of Market, Opelousas.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOR BOYS,

Opelousas, La.

The classes of this Academy will be resumed on Monday, the 23d of September.

REV. G. RAYMOND, A. M. D.

REV. J. F. RAYMOND.

HENRY G. LEWIS.