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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1888.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President:

GROVER CLEVELAND,

Of New York.

For Vice President:

ALLEN G. THURMAN,

Of Ohio.

For Congress—Sixth District:

SAUEL M. ROBERTSON,

Of East Baton Rouge.

The cold wave telegraphed by the Signal Service for last Tuesday morning did not come.

The Secretary of the Shreveport Fair, which opens Nov. 5 has favored us with a complimentary ticket.

Another fine week for harvesting crops. Rice still pouring into our market. Cotton receipts increasing.

Our District Court holds day and night sessions to clear up the heavy criminal docket of the present term.

Senator C. C. Denson's broken arm is rapidly improving. He is able to be out on our streets and will soon be himself again.

The yellow fever is still declining at all infected points in Florida and Alabama. Jackson, Miss., is now clear of the disease.

Secretary J. B. Magruder, of the Baton Rouge State Fair, will accept our thanks for a complimentary ticket of admission.

Villaseca is improving and renovating his large establishment opposite the Market House preparatory to opening his oyster saloon for ladies, which will be open for business in a few weeks.

Col. Geo. Moorman was nominated by the President, on last Monday, to the U. S. Marshalship for the Eastern District of Louisiana, made vacant by the death of Col. Pleasant. An excellent appointment.

Thos. D. Miller, one of the commercial leaders of Louisiana, died at his residence in New Orleans, at 7 o'clock a. m. on last Tuesday, aged 63 years. Mr. Miller's surviving wife was Miss Sarah Gordon, of St. Landry parish.

In the case of the State vs. L. A. and Alfred Young, charged with being accessories before the fact in the shooting of the hand-cuffed prisoners, which was conveyed to jail, some weeks ago, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal on last Wednesday evening.

The Opelousas Philharmonic, Literary and Dramatic Association will give their Third Grand Concert and Ball, on Wednesday, the 31st of Oct., at Bailey's Hall. Those who are fond of exquisite music and the exhilarating dance should not fail to be on hand. It will be one of the leading musical events of the season. Admission 50 cents.

As will be seen by the call published in another column, a meeting of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee will be held here next Thursday for the purpose of taking steps to bring out a full vote on Nov. 6th. Better late than never. There is but little time left, and to bring out a full vote we will have to "hustle."

The Louisiana Presbytery met in this place on last Thursday with quite a number of prominent clergymen present from various portions of the State. In connection with the important deliberations of this body religious services were held at the Presbyterian Church at 7 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Friday, and will be held again to-day and to-morrow (Sunday) at same hours in the morning and evening.

Pete Cummings says he isn't building any railroads, nor driving golden spikes, nor kicking up any other sort of racket, but he's handling his share of cotton seed, rice, hides, etc. Now if he had said he wasn't "raising the wind" he would have to contradict himself, as the odoriferous breezes come from the odoriferous breezes some of them named a Hamburger cheese factory. However, Pete says he's going to have his hides, bones, gambo, etc. scattered with cologne hereafter.

W. C. Clark's great consolidated show will exhibit at Opelousas on Monday next, Oct. 22d. It consists of Ventri-ism, Slight of Hand, Acrobatic feats, Staging, etc., and those who attend will doubtless while away a pleasant hour at a trifling cost. Go and see it and take the children.

The Markville Review of last Saturday says it:

Clark's show gave an exhibition here on last Monday night; it was largely attended and was fully worth the price of admission.

The staid Democrat seems to have taken on the unfortunate state of Louisiana in this parish, is, to say the least, logical and ill-advised. If a house was on fire it would be the part of wisdom and common sense to go promptly to work and try to extinguish the flames, instead of standing by and authorizing and offering lame excuses for the cause and origin of the fire, and yet that is about the size of the Democrat's stand, as evidenced by its remarks on the subject in its late issue.

The Democrat desires to see a party put to these outrages, let it join in demanding a strict enforcement of the laws, regardless as to whose friends are political or otherwise—the

party-makers.

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Do your own buggy painting. Cost for one buggy 75 cents. All colors at C. Dietlein's.

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Wanted Help, Men and Women.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS: Queen.....Miss N. Ogden Cinderella.....Miss M. DuBois Lady Disdain.....Miss I. Baynolds Charlotte.....Miss M. Ogden Annabelle.....Miss A. Langes Fantasia.....Miss E. Moore King.....Master A. Jacobs Prince Amour.....Master E. Leob Earl Esquivel.....Master J. Lewis Bully Tim.....Master Johnnie Lewis Countiers—Masters Ogden, Harmanson, Voorhies, Halphen. Attendants—Misses Lewis, Taylor, Mayer, Jackson. Admission 25 cents, Children 10 cents.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE

District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13998

John Chaffe & Sons vs. Chas. J. Thompson

By virtue of an writ of fieri facias issued out of the 13th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of November, A. D. 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m. the following described property, to-wit:

1st. The undivided one-sixth interest of Charles J. Thompson in and to the below described tract of land and improvements bought by said C. J. Thompson from Mrs. Lucy Heath, wife of Bingham Cushman;

2d. The undivided one-sixth interest of Charles J. Thompson in and to the below described tract of land bought by said C. J. Thompson from Mrs. Elizabeth P. Waller, widow, to-wit:

A tract of land situated in the parish of St. Landry and lying on Bayou Boaf, bounded north by St. Peter's plantation, south by Cumberland plantation, east by lands of Jacob U. Payne and west and to the bayou Teche, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, being the plantation formerly owned by Joel T. Tucker, deceased, and inherited from him by his heirs.

Seized in the above entitled suit. Terms—Cash. T. S. FONTENOT, Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry. Opelousas, Oct. 20, 1888.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4799

ESTATE OF CECILE E. BAILLIO.

Whereas, Gilbert Baillio, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed a final account of administration and distribution of funds of said estate, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same;

And whereas, notice of filing of said petition and tablan has been ordered by an order of court bearing date Oct. 12, 1888.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make objection, if any, to the said tablan, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tablan should not be homologated and confirmed.

Oct. 20, 1888. C. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, New Orleans La., Sep. 28, 1888.—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 Judge or, in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court, at Opelousas, La., on Tuesday, November 20th, 1888, viz.:

Alcide J. Fontenot, who made Homestead Entry No. 8538, for the S 1/2 E 1/2, Sec. 8, T. 5, S. R. 1 E, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Arthémon Landreaux, Louis Bacon, Lucien Bacon, Louis Adereaux, all of St. Landry parish, La. THOMAS J. BUTLER, Register. Oct. 6, '88. 6c.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, New Orleans La., Oct. 6th, 1888.—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 Judge or, in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court, at Opelousas, La., on Saturday, Nov. 24th, 1888, viz.:

Constantine Fierrette, who made Homestead Entry No. 8586, for the S 1/2 E 1/2, N E 1/4 S 1/2 and S E 1/4 N E 1/4 S 1/2.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: John Taylor, Daniel Sittig of St. Landry parish, La., Stephen Martel, Victor C. Sittig of Acadia. THOMAS J. BUTLER, Register. Oct. 13, 88 6c

District Court.

Borce and Fontenot, tried by jury for murder and fourth grade.

Adrien Deville, tried by jury for rape and acquitted.

Charles Ellis, tried by jury for larceny and found guilty.

Ben Engard, tried by jury and found guilty of assault and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

Christine Simon, tried by jury for violating Act 31 of 1886 and found guilty and recommended to the extreme mercy of the Court, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs or 10 days in jail.

Laurent Washington, Alceé David, Prince Jordan, Theodore Serf alias Servis and Stephen Quarterman plead guilty of carrying concealed weapons, and each was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs or be imprisoned 10 days in jail.

Edward Balquet, tried by jury for horse-stealing and found guilty.

Albert Taylor tried by jury for assault with intent to kill, and found guilty.

Following up his pet hobby of trying to show that previous administrations are responsible for present disorder, the Democrat has an article last week in which it asks:

"When before was a white man convicted of murder here, by a white jury or a jury of any complexion, for killing a negro?"—St. Landry Democrat, October 13th.

A sufficient answer to this question would be the propounding of another, viz.: When before, in the history of this parish, or any other civilized country, were two unarmed and helpless prisoners, in the custody of a deputy sheriff, riddled with bullets—one killed and the other desperately wounded—and nobody lung for the deed?

But we can give the Democrat a categorical answer and say that we can name at least one instance in this parish where a white man was not only convicted of murder but sentenced to be hanged, for killing a negro,—and the victim wasn't assassinated while handcuffed and tied, neither.

He was not hanged, for Kellogg committed his crime to imprisonment for life, and he died in the penitentiary.

But again we say we fail to see what good could be accomplished by the Democrat even if it proved its theory to be correct. Some good might be effected, however, were it to direct its efforts to the suppressing of present lawlessness instead of indulging in idle speculations as to its cause.

"Praise from Sir Rupert is praise in deed." Among the congratulatory paragraphs which we copy from our exchanges in another column is one from the N. O. City Item, undoubtedly from the pen of Mr. J. B. Wilkinson, Jr., whom many of our citizens will pleasantly remember as one of the most eloquent speakers at the late meeting of the Press Association in Opelousas. Another, from the St. Martin Reveille, was indited by a friend of our childhood (through many years our senior), Hon. C. H. Mouton, who as Lieutenant Governor, District Judge, District Attorney, &c., has left the impress of his strong individuality on the history of our State and section, and was for many years a resident of our town and parish.

We assure them that we highly appreciate their kind words, and while reluctantly giving them publicity here only regret that they are not fully deserved.

Mr. Eugene J. Olivier was married to Miss Louise Duclaux, last Wednesday. The groom is a son of our friend, Dr. P. D. Olivier, and the lovely bride, is the daughter of that progressive planter, Mr. L. C. Duclaux. After the ceremony at the Catholic Church, a host of friends were invited to the beautiful plantation home of the bride's father, to partake of a beautiful feast prepared for the best wishes of a large circle of friends for a long and prosperous voyage through life.—St. Martin Reveille.

To these good wishes we beg to add our own and the expression of our regret at not being able to accept the kind invitation of our friend Duclaux to witness the nuptial ceremony.

PLEASANT HUNT.—Messrs. Edmond, Edward and Gabriel Déjean, Eugene Lavergne, and the venerable Felix Déjean, have, we believe, made the most pleasant hunt of the season. The actual time spent in hunting was about one day, last Monday evening and Tuesday morning, in which they bagged fifteen of the delicious birds. Considering that Mr. F. Déjean who is almost four-score years old had but two shots, and killed both pheasants, the highest and best score of the hunt will have to be awarded to him. Judging from his present activity he is as young as many persons are at fifty, and bids fair to live another twenty years and go on several more pleasant hunts.

We learn that a young man by the name of Gauthier, residing on bayou Mallet, was waylaid and shot at in that vicinity, on last Sunday, while returning from church. The bullet striking him in the would-be assassin struck the young man's prayer book in his side pocket and checked the deadly missile, otherwise he might have been killed. He and several friends returned to the spot soon afterwards to find some clew, and found a razor lying in the grass where the party had been concealed.

A telegram to the N. O. Picayune from Opelousas says that Soiley's case goes to the Supreme Court. "With fair chances of being remanded." From what we have learned, this seems highly probable. Taken altogether, it would appear that "the mountain has brought forth a mouse."

Do you want a mule? If so call on Williams & Eddy whose advertisement will be found in another column.

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