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OPÉLOUSAS:

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Plant oats, Irish potatoes and turnips.

The receipts of produce have been very light for several days past.

Best Selected Stock of Planting Potatoes and Vegetable Seeds at Dietlein's.

The war of rates between the steamboats at Washington continues and cotton can now be shipped at 50 cents per bale.

Our friend Dr. R. M. Littell, was all smiles the other day. Cause—a fine baby girl made its appearance at his house.

Another heavy flood of rain on Thursday morning. Our streets and roads have but little chance to improve now-a-days.

The weather for the past week has been clear, cool, and bracing, which was much preferable to the continuous rain of the previous week.

The overwhelming majority of Gen. Boulanger, in his recent election in Paris to the House of Deputies, scores a triumph for the war party in France.

On last Wednesday night the residence of Edmund Darby, situated near the Grand Coteau depot, was entirely destroyed by fire. The contents and \$400 in cash were a total loss. No insurance.

Now is the time to transplant fruit trees, and it would be well for all those who desire reliable and first-class stock to call on or send their orders to Mr. T. J. Lay, at Mt. Hope Nurseries near Washington. He will send his catalogue and price list free.

The young town of Welsh, La., is to have a \$4000 academy. Cennot Opeleous catch the educational inspiration from our western citizens and erect a school building that they can point to with a feeling of pride hereafter. It would be one of the greatest attractions to intelligent immigrants.

Citizens throughout the parish should exercise care in giving to the assessor, the full number of taxable children between the ages of 6 and 18 years. The appropriation of State funds for educational purposes is made upon this basis; therefore the greater the number of children on the rolls, the more money we will receive for school purposes.

The Crowley Signal judges a complaint against the Police Jury of Opelousas in reference to the public printing for that parish. If the Signal will refer to the Acts of 1877, it will find that this printing must be let out to the lowest bidder, after ten days advertisement. The Police Jury will doubtless comply with the law if their attention is called to it.

A communication from Grand Coteau in reference to the recent dramatic performance there, by the amateurs of that town, was received too late for insertion in this issue. As will be seen by the advertisement in another column, the same play, "The Social Glass," will be given by the same talented performers at the Bellevue Hall next Wednesday. Do not fail to attend.

On account of the rain on Thursday morning, a considerable number of persons were deterred from attending the entertainment given on that night by the Social Club, but those who did attend enjoyed most delightful evening. The Boston Dip, a force in one act, was produced, and its rendition reflected much credit upon the cast, while the music, recitations, &c., were up to the usual high standard. A very enjoyable boy closed the festivities of the evening.

As a regular meeting of St. Landry Lodge No. 4, A. O. U. W., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: S. Loebe, Master; Workman; W. T. Henderson, Organist; Jos. Bloch, Recorder; T. S. Inack, Recorder; J. Debraux, Financier; C. S. Hollier, Guide; P. Delbonco, Inside Watchman; C. D. Stewart, Outside Watchman; Theophilus Hollier, Foreman; M. Villanova, W. T. Henderson, and C. S. Hollier, Trustees; Jos. Bloch, Representatives to the Grand Lodge.

The new town of Mermentau is situated on the bank of the Mermentau river, on the line of the Southern Pacific R. R., 180 miles from New Orleans, in the parish of Iberville. The town is beautifully located on the high rolling land which runs down to the river, and is surrounded by a rich prairie country which yields abundant crops of rice, wheat, oats, cotton, sweet and high potatoes and all varieties of semi-tropical fruits. The Mermentau Land Company will have a grand opening sale of business and residence lots, beginning on Saturday, Feb. 9, when will be offered 600 lots, and 62 one-acre lots, on the large two-story hotel, centrally located in the town. Terms of sale: Lots of 95c, cash; in sums of \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500, and one-half in six months, one-fourth in six months, one-fourth in one year.

Close Collections.

The taxes assessed on the parish tax roll of 1888 were divided up as follows: Parish taxes proper \$29,210.70 Corporation criminal taxes 2,730.70 Total \$31,941.40 Less Collector's commission 1,600.00 Net amount due the parish by the Collector \$30,341.40

Of this amount Sheriff Fontenot had collected, up to Jan. 29, 1889, the sum of \$27,302.13, leaving due to the parish at that date \$3,039.27, or only a small fraction over 10 per cent. In other words, he has already collected nearly 90 per cent of his roll. This is certainly a very good showing.

New Iberia Troubles.

A few days ago, a prominent business man by the name of Trainor, was shot down in cold blood by a negro desperado, named Wakefield, in New Iberia. The unprovoked tragedy caused great excitement and a few hours afterward the enraged citizens killed the murderer Wakefield. Subsequently a number of armed citizens ordered a number of negroes who had used riotous language to leave the parish, but one of the number, Jim Rosemond, not obeying the warning, was lynched and hung on last Wednesday night. It appears that the civil authorities are powerless to restrain mob violence, and the Attorney General was instructed to go there, on last Thursday, and investigate matters. Unless the disorders cease, the Governor will doubtless order troops out to quell any further disturbances.

Mr. Chas. D. Sweet, soliciting agent for the Cane and Cotton Palace now being erected in Lafayette Square, New Orleans, was in town on Wednesday and interviewed a number of our leading citizens on the subject of securing a creditable display from St. Landry to be exhibited free of charge in that building. He went from here to Washington to prosecute his mission, and we understand, with much encouragement from our "Bayou City" neighbors. They are talking of decorating with flowers, evergreens, &c., the two steamers which ply between their town and New Orleans, and taking down a large variety of articles for exhibition—articles, many of them, which they see every day, but which would be curiosities to the strangers who will see them in the Cane and Cotton Palace, and which will give home-seekers an idea of the products, resources, climatic and social advantages, &c., of our parish. All articles should reach New Orleans on or before the 15th inst. The railroad will transport exhibits both ways free of charge. All articles intended for exhibition may be left at Jos. Bloch's store, properly labeled, where they will be packed for shipment.

Our rapid friend of the Baton Rouge Advocate rushes into print to find fault with our criticism of the extravagance of the Electoral College, which appeared in our last issue, but adds no better reason for its fault-finding than the fact (or alleged fact) that four years ago the electors spent \$250 more than they did this year. This is the first time in its history that Delaware has had a Republican United States Senator.

Forty-two new cotton factories were added to the industrial list of our parish last year. A pretty good showing for one State, indicating as it does, that machinery is rapidly seeking the neighborhood of the cotton fields. It is interesting to note that the last meeting of the Police Jury, arrived here by boat on last Saturday. Parties who have seen these machines say that they are a great labor-saving invention.

A number of obscure and doubtful points on the Samoan complications are explained in the statements of Mr. Bayard. Mr. Bayard says that Germany has given this country no cause for complaint. If such is the fact, and Bro. Jones was justified or American property destroyed, a complaint from him at the time would have come with much better grace than his present attempt to gloss over the extravagance to which we called attention.

The attention of our leading men is called to the following which we clip from the Arcadia (Bienville parish) Advocate of recent date:

Col. Poole advocates the only feasible plan to secure good immigration, and that is "for the Commissioner of Immigration for the distribution, or distribute it through some other agency equally as efficient." Beware the party who has tried this plan and has distributed over fifteen thousand circulars, and five thousand pamphlets, descriptive of the parish. We have had satisfactory results so far, and the whole people of this section, between Red and Ouachita rivers, have been benefited, since the influx of immigration this year has far exceeded that of last year.

We can furnish the COURIER, the North American Review, and the "Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln," for \$5.50, to any one not now a subscriber to the Review. The Lincoln book is the contributions of 33 distinguished men of his time, contains over 600 pages, and is an ornament as well as an encyclopedia of history for any household. The price of the Review alone is \$5.00.

Here is an extract from a letter published in the last issue of the Lafayette Advertiser:

"It is a great pity that a town like Opelousas with more pretty girls than any other town of its size in the world should have such miserable sidewalks."

Mr. A. P. McNeil has the contracts to build a cottage for Judge E. D. Estelle, on the corner of Vine and Market streets, and a residence for P. J. Lefebvre, on the corner of North and Market streets.

Mr. Frank Brand—our baker—killed a hog on last Wednesday that weighed 475 pounds net, and yielded 40 gallons of lard. Who of our farmers can beat these figures?

A full assortment of rough and dressed cypress and pine lumber, also shingles, eels, doors and blinds at Opelousas Lumber Yard, S. Howell manager.

"A Cold Day."

"A Cold Day, or the Lapidarians" which was produced last night at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, is one of those rare farces where a slender plot serves as a basis for some very air singing and ridiculous situations. The stage business is sufficiently funny to guarantee it a good run, if the applause last night was any indication. New York World.

The largest audience of the season filled the Academy Sunday evening. "A Cold Day, or the Lapidarians" has been revised and revamped with a new and humorous play, and kept the audience in the routine right throughout the evening. It is full of funny songs and sayings, and is finely dressed and staged. Lessinger, the comedian, especially good. Cleveland Press.

"A Cold Day, or the Lapidarians," at the Academy of Music, delighted a large audience last evening. It is replete with funny situations, capital hits, pleasing music and good songs, and produces roars of laughter. Pittsburgh Times.

At Perrodin's Hall, Monday, Feb. 4. One night only.

N. O. Times Democrat.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Southern Railway Company, in connection with the Mexican International and Mexican Central railways, will inaugurate the running of their "Montezuma special" between this city and the City of Mexico.

This train will be composed exclusively of new Pullman vestibule sleeping, dining, composite and observation coaches, and will be the finest train in America. It is intended to run this train out of New Orleans Feb. 17, 1889, and continue the service thereafter every 37 days. The equipment furnished by the company is of the latest design in art and construction yet brought to the notice of the public, in fact it will be "perfection on wheels."

A special time schedule has been arranged for this service, leaving New Orleans at 5 a. m., and arriving in the City of Mexico just seventy-two hours later.

The great addition to the comfort and convenience of the traveling public made by the vestibule train is now universally conceded. It is, perhaps, not well known that the appliances of the Pullman vestibule train are more valuable for their additional safety than for their additional convenience. By their use the telescoping train in case of accident, is practically impossible. The entire train is made a solid train and the possibility of one car projecting itself, in case of accident, upon and into an adjacent car, is absolutely impossible.

Items of Interest.

The old Baton Rouge sugar refinery, which has lain idle long, will shortly be operated as an oil mill.

Farmersville Gazette: Immigrants are coming to the southern and western portions of our parish in encouraging numbers.

B. R. Joyce: The electric light is progressing finely in our parish. The contract for the pipes has been made and the plant has been shipped. They are now watching for their railroad and cable, bringing one week in December, it is said, that 15,000 acres of land were sold to immigrants from the Northwest. The new settlers probably cost a total of \$2,000,000.

The Republicans in the Delaware Legislature have elected Anthony Higgins, Rep. for the second Senate District. This is the first time in its history that Delaware has had a Republican United States Senator.

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Proceedings of the Police Jury.

OPÉLOUSAS, JAN. 22, 1889.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. E. M. Boagni, President, J. J. Dossman, P. Robin, H. Durio, C. T. Bim, P. Stags, S. Haas, M. C. Milburn and E. S. Barry, it was resolved that the President of the Police Jury be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the citizens of Opelousas, a list of names of the citizens of Opelousas, by which the said President may be authorized to let the said Parish to pay to the said President a sum of one hundred dollars, to be used for the purpose of assessing the land of the parish all the unassessed land lying in the parish of St. Landry, and in case of refusal to do so, the said President is authorized to let the said Parish to pay to the said President a sum of one hundred dollars, to be used for the purpose of assessing the land of the parish all the unassessed land lying in the parish of St. Landry, and in case of refusal to do so, the said President is authorized to let the said Parish to pay to the said President a sum of one hundred dollars, to be used for the purpose of assessing the land of the parish all the unassessed land lying in the parish of St. Landry, and in case of 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