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OPELOUSAS:

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Read's Itch Ointment never fails.

A light shower of rain fell on Tuesday evening—just enough to lay the dust.

Chocolate Ice Cream at the Star Saloon, next to Posey's, to-morrow at 11.

The residence of Victor Frugé, in Faquetage, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 18th. Loss about \$600.

Good showers of rain fell in some localities of the parish on last Tuesday evening.

The excursion that was to have left Washington and intermediate points for Tibodaux, on to-morrow, the 28th inst., has failed.

The south bound freight train was delayed two or three hours on last Monday evening, by the breaking of a wheel of one of the cars.

We return thanks for an invitation to attend the ball to be given by the Opelousas Social Club at their hall on next Wednesday night, May 1st.

Jules Gil, Esq., has taken a desk at the office of L. I. Tansey, Esq., on Court street, where he will be found at all business hours, ready to attend to any legal business.

Some nine years ago L. Vidrine was killed in this parish, and a few days ago Oscar Tate, who was accused of the crime and had fled the country, surrendered and is now in jail awaiting trial.

A young lady, 18 years of age, Miss Lucille Gallion, committed suicide in Ville Plate Prairie on Tuesday of last week by taking strichnine. Family troubles are supposed to be the cause of the rash act.

A cutting scrape took place in Chalataiger in this parish, last Saturday evening, between Louis P. J. Fontenot and Christoval Smith, in which Fontenot received an ugly gash in the breast. Smith was arrested and jailed.

The residence of a colored man named James Hillery in Ville Plate Prairie was fired into some nights ago, and the following parties have been arrested and jailed, accused of the crime: Armand Forest, Simon Dario, and Jean L. Fontenot, all white.

An election will be held on May 14th for a member of the Board of Police via J. B. Sandoz, Esq., resigned. We trust that some influential business men may be induced to take the office. The injection of some business methods into that body is sadly needed.

The Catholic Church of this place was crowded to its utmost capacity on last Sunday (Easter), on which occasion the grandly beautiful mass by Lambilliot was splendidly rendered by the choir, and some fine music played by the Opelousas Brass Band. The religious services were very impressive.

On last Sunday morning, near Fabacher Post Office, in Prairie Faquetage, Ossime Taylor emptied the contents of a double barreled shot gun into the body of Noel Tibodaux, and killed him instantly. The homicide was the result of family troubles, and Taylor immediately surrendered himself so the sheriff of Acadia parish.

Mr. John O. Richard, a well known and highly respected planter, who resided three miles from Grand Coteau, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a Winchester rifle, on last Wednesday morning. Death must have been instantaneous. We have not learned the reasons for this rash and deplorable act of self-destruction.

A couple of lady friends, members of the committee who are charged with the task of raising funds for the erection of a public school building in Opelousas, have requested us to announce that at the ball on Wednesday night a bigue—a toothsome, delicious crawfish bisque—will be served for 25 cents, and an elegant supper for 50 cents, the proceeds to be turned into the committee's treasury. *Adieu aux gourmands.*

April has been slow in starting her showers, and so far has been as dry a month as July or August in a midsummer drought. Crops are not growing as they should, the grass looks parched, and unbroken land is almost as hard as it ever gets to be. Cotton recently planted shows no sign of germinating, and a good soaking rain is needed for everything. Meteorologists predict a heavy rainfall the last of the month and the first week in May. Old Mother Earth is pretty thirsty, just now, and we stand a heavy sprinkling without damage to her health.

The celebration of the centennial of Washington's inauguration, which will take place next Tuesday, April 30th, in New York City, will be the grandest demonstration in the way of a civil and military parade that was ever witnessed in the United States. It is estimated that 1,500,000 persons will be in the mammoth procession that will parade the principal streets on that day. Available stands for viewing the procession have been sold for fabulous prices, reaching way up into hundreds of dollars. The hotels and boarding houses will be taxed to their utmost capacity to take care of so great a number on the 30th, and 1st and 2d of May, but they and the merchants will doubtless reap a rich harvest in money from the sight-seers.

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Durio Lake.

A few days ago we formed one of a party who scined Durio Lake, and a capital time we had of it. Mr. Nolle Pitre, whose hospitable residence is situated near the lake, placed his large seine at our disposal with permission to draw it in the lake. Mr. Jos. Bougou had brought on his wagon with a number of his hands, and under his supervision a barrel of fish was soon caught. There was an ample supply of nice fish to take home by all who were present. Crayfish and turtles were very scarce. Moccasin snakes made things lively sometimes, and often two or three large ones would be caught at a single haul of the seine. Quite a number of large bullfrogs were also caught. Owing to the great destruction of small fish, left on the banks by some thoughtless people, Mr. Pitre will be particular as to whom he gives permission to seine the lake in future. We enjoyed a splendid fish and crayfish dinner with our hospitable friend, and returned home delighted with our trip.

A note from the Town Tax Collector, in another column, explains itself. Mr. Thompson thinks that our statement, concerning the Board of Police, that "they seem to not have required any reports" from their own officers charged with the collection and disbursement of the town's revenues," might possibly be construed as a reflection upon him, and we cheerfully accord him the space to set himself right. Our animadversions were leveled at the Board, whose peculiar system of administering our municipal affairs does not even contemplate the rendering of reports at stated times by its officers on the collection and disbursement of the funds of the corporation, and who have never yet caused any satisfactory financial exhibit to be published—not at its officers, who would doubtless furnish the reports if they were wanted. And Mr. Thompson's note emphasizes the fact that we have located the blame where it properly belongs.

From a list of pardons just granted and published in the Baton Rouge Advocate of the 21st, we take the following: On the recommendation of the Pardoning Board, Governor Nichols granted a pardon to Océme Jules Fontenot, Homere Veillon, and Océme Jacques Fontenot, convicted in St. Landry in January last of malicious mischief, and sentenced to three months in the parish jail, and to pay a fine of \$50 each, in default of which they were to serve three more. The trial Judge and the Attorney General recommended the pardon. The sentence of Horie Peterson, convicted and sentenced to hang in St. Landry parish, was commuted to imprisonment for life, on the recommendation of the trial Judge and the Attorney General.

Baton Rouge is the prettiest city in Louisiana; if any one doubts, seeing is believing. We have more pretty women, sweet flowers, beautiful scenery and good health than any other town of its inches in America. —Baton Rouge Advocate.

Evidently the writer of this paragraph has never been in Opelousas. Come and see us; friend; and if, after you visit, you are not willing to cheerfully divide honors with us, we can only say, as was remarked of the venerable female when she performed the famed osculation of the antiquated mammy of the bovine genus, "there is no accounting for tastes."

Louisiana will be creditably represented in New York at the great centennial celebration on next Tuesday by one hundred and fifty men of the Louisiana Field Artillery, of New Orleans, with a fine band of music. Two public-spirited citizens of the Crescent City, Mr. John A. Morris and Gen. Adolph Meyer, patriotically conceived the idea and will provide for all the expenses. All honor to them, say we.

The new drop curtain, ordered by the Opelousas Social Club some time since has been received. It is a beauty.

As the month goes by under the new administration, the situation becomes apparently more hopeless for the would-be negro office holders of the South. By the large delegation of Alabama negroes who called upon him on Saturday and endeavored to read him a long address on their grievances, President Harrison, after cutting the address short, explained that it was his plan to write into respectability the Republican party in the South. Some of the shrewdest negroes in the South suspect that the President is trying to place his party on the vantage ground now held by the Democratic party—that of being the white man's party in the country. They think if the leopard can change its spots, the Ethiopian his skin, or a man add a cubit to his stature, the President can do this, but not otherwise. Some of these colored leaders are already hinting at a great political exodus of their race, which may signify but a threat to bolt unless they themselves are fed on government patronage for the next four years. —N. O. Times-Democrat.

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. E. Bailey.

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Personal.

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W. J. Sandoz left on last Wednesday to visit friends in St. Martinville.

Dr. E. S. Barry of Grand Coteau, paid our town a visit on Monday last.

Geo. O. Elms left for a short business trip to New Orleans on last Monday.

B. F. Megnin returned on Thursday from a flying trip to New Orleans.

The Governor has appointed Mr. J. Sully Matiel a notary public for St. Landry.

Misses Marie and Lilita Simon spent the day on Sunday last among friends in Grand Coteau.

Carel Wolf, a prominent merchant of Washington, gave us a business call on last Thursday morning.

Mr. H. L. Garland, Jr., came up from New Orleans last Saturday and spent several days with "the old folks at home."

Capt. W. Burton, the veteran steamboatman, was in town this week, looking hale and hearty, and gave us a pleasant call.

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To The Public.

The best treatment I have ever found for "chapped hands" is to wash them in strong home-made vinegar, and then as soon as they have dried without wiping, grease them thoroughly with fresh castor oil, into an ounce of which you may have thoroughly mixed a drop of the oil of bergamot to perfume it. I keep for the purpose a bottle of good, genuine vinegar setting on the mantle piece. But sometimes I forget and leave the bottle open, which ought to be kept well stoppered. And there are some big sap-headed guats, which are the good housewives call "drunkards," I suppose because they watch their chances to venture down in the bottle, and drink until they become so drunk, they can't get out, and they just drop down in there and drown.

But, ah! if those silly guats were the only "sap-heads," that are drowned in bottles, there would not be so many distressed wives and broken-hearted mothers all over the country. Let us stand upon a whisky-deer, which are road and tempting everybody to go in and drink, until the whole country is strewn with the "drowned"—husbands, fathers and sons.

The following good men, widely and favorably known, deploring the existence of the great evil of intoxicating liquors among us, have consented to act as "the St. Landry Prohibition Committee," and take charge of the question whether or not they shall be sold as beverages:

REGULAR COMMITTEE.
James O. Chachere, Opelousas, Chairman.
Yves Vidrine, Ville-Platte.
Océme Fontenot, (Gr. Pr.) Washington.
Ernest Lafleur, (Pr. Ronde) Opelousas.
Edward Darden, Faquetage.
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Rev. C. W. Davis, Washington.

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Dr. R. M. Little, Opelousas.
Dr. Z. T. Young, Ville Plate.
These gentlemen will soon ask the Hon. Police Jury to order an election for the people to decide whether or not they will tolerate that worst of all evils longer than the present license may run. And it is anxiously hoped that every man will vote for Prohibition, which is the only salvation for the country. And, as the good women are the greatest sufferers from the dreadful consequences of the useless, wasteful and ruinous habit of drinking intoxicating liquors, it is devoutly hoped that each and every one of them will exert all her best influence with the men to vote right—to save their husbands from bankruptcy and trouble, their sons from ruin and drunkards' graves, and their daughters from drunken husbands that will neglect and mistreat them and turn home into hell.

All who have petitions signed, and not yet sent to me, will please forward them without delay to James O. Chachere, chairman of the committee.

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Archbishop Janssens.

Instructions for Easter—The National Council—The Conferring of the Pallium.

Archbishop Janssens has promulgated the following: On Easter Sunday, the collection at all the masses will be taken up for the seminarians of the diocese. We have had the misfortune of losing by death four priests since coming among you—Rev. Fathers Kelly, Jubel, LeSachere and Raymond; a great loss in itself, and greater still considering the needs of the diocese. We have received four priests to replace the deceased ones. We have also eleven students, five of whom are studying theology. During the summer, Dec. 1888, we intend going to Europe to obtain, if possible, priests to provide for the spiritual wants of the diocese. We urgently request all pastors to expose earnestly to their congregations the nature of this collection on Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday.

On Tuesday, April 30, the country will celebrate the centennial of the inauguration of Washington as first president of the United States. We have many reasons to feel grateful to God for the bountiful blessings that have been shed on this country, and it is just we should render thanks to him, who was "ever of all good."

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