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OPELOUSAS:

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Published on ice at 5c a glass, at

Wagner's, opposite the Market House.

Suppering grapes are now ripe at

the Mount Hope Nursery.

Look at the Close Prices in another

column of C. Dietlein.

The classes of the Convent of the

Immaculate Conception will reopen on

Monday, Sept. 2.

Mr. Edward Dejean has done some

valuable work on the Teche road lead-

ing to town from the east. Good!

The entertainment which was to have

been given here last Tuesday for the

benefit of the Crowley College has been

indefinitely postponed.

Attention is called to the advertise-

ment in another column of a Grand

Ball to be given on Tuesday Night,

Sept. 3, at Social Club Hall.

Leconte fears at the Mount Hope

Nursery will last only a few days long-

er; call and get some before it is too

late.

Harriet's Sons have decided to re-

main thirty days longer. All persons

who are in need of photographs should

give them a call. All work first class.

Reports received from nearly every

section of our parish indicate large

crop of cotton, rice and corn. It is

estimated that the cotton and rice crops

will be fully one-third larger than last

year.

The classes at St. Mary's Academy

will be resumed on Monday, September

2d. Mr. M. S. Schexnayder, of

Acadiane will conduct the French

classes. It is desirable that all scholars

should be present on the first day.

Experiments with Dr. Brown-Se-

gard's "elixir of life" have been made

in various cities in this country with

varying results. Some physicians pro-

claim it a humbug—and that is just

what we think about it.

On last Sunday evening the residence

of Mr. Sifroyen Boudreau, of Plaque-

mine Ridge, was entered while the fam-

ily were at a neighbor's and robbed of

a box containing some \$70 in cash and

several notes. Homer Prud'homme

was lodged in jail last Wednesday,

charged with the crime.

The announcement in our last issue

that a bale of cotton had been shipped

by Mr. E. Latreite last Monday is in-

correct. The information on which

the "first bale" was announced by us

was furnished by Messrs. E. Latreite

The Opelousas Female Institute.

This fine educational institution will reopen its doors on Monday, September 24, with an exceptionally strong faculty and under the most flattering auspices. Mrs. Hayes, the worthy and efficient principal, has secured for the coming session the services of that excellent instructor and remarkably bright woman, Miss Emma Fisher, who gave such complete satisfaction two years ago, and she will again have charge of the intermediate department. Mrs. Annie Meng, of Vidalia, who taught music and art so successfully during a portion of the last term, will again give her undivided attention to these important adjuncts of a good education; and Rev. F. W. Lewis, the talented Presbyterian minister here, will again teach the more advanced classes. Mrs. Hayes will continue to conduct the primary department, and while exercising a general supervision will devote particular attention to the little ones. This institution is regularly chartered and authorized to confer diplomas, and among its graduates are some of the brightest ornaments of our society. The buildings, which are comfortable and commodious, have been recently renovated and refurnished, and everything is in readiness for this important factor in the progress of our community to resume its firm and steady march in the good path it has heretofore followed. While pupils from abroad will find here many advantages not to be had elsewhere, and a considerable number have in the past availed themselves of these advantages—it is to our home people that the Institute most look for support; and we do not hesitate to say that it richly deserves all their sympathy and encouragement. See advertisement on second page.

HAASVILLE, LA., Aug. 19, 1889.

EDITORS COURIER:

This week we have to report the destruction by fire of the railroad section house at this place, on the morning of the 17th inst. between the hours of one and two o'clock. It was the work of a wicked incendiary, deliberately planned and executed in a cold-blooded manner by saturating the gallery floor and walls of the house with coal oil, then applying the lighted match, and when a few yards off yelling to attract attention. Mr. Eaves, the section foreman, ran out as he informs me, to discover the front of the house in a blaze, the gallery floor covered with oil from a five gallon can left on the gallery floor. Mr. Eaves says he arosed the section men by breaking in their door, they barely having time to escape. The building burned like tinder. Mr. Eaves lost almost all he had—furniture, clothing, provisions, all went in the blaze. His little daughters beary escaped with their lives and saving but little wearing apparel. Mrs. Eaves was in Washington at the time, visiting relatives. It is sad for her; so many years of toil laid away in a moment. The section men are being fitted up for the temporary residence of the foreman and his family, the section men, etc. Fortunately the wind changed soon after the fire started, or in all probability the depot would have shared the fate of the section house. The railroad company will, so I understand, rebuild at once. Everyone in the community is shocked at the wicked deed, and hope justice will be done and the fire fixed caught. Cotton picking in full blast this week. The caterpillars have been knocked out by the continued use of Paris green. Health of the country as a rule good; now and then a case of chills and fever is reported.

MISSISSIPPI AND CONNOR GRADENIGO

Miss Mammie and Connor Gradenigo departed on the 17th inst. on a visit to Washington and bayou Wab.

Mr. Callee, of the Morgan R. R. was up Saturday the 17th inst., looking after the railroad interest, investigating the origin of the fire, etc.

Yours, ILLINOIS.

The official proceedings of the 9th

annual session of the Louisiana Press Association held at Thibodaux last May, have just been issued in pamphlet form. Besides the proceedings proper, this neat pamphlet contains the addresses, poems, and essays with which they were so agreeably interspersed, the whole occupying some forty pages. The typographical work is very tasteful and reflects much credit on the Thibodaux Sentinel job office, where it was printed.

There is a matrimonial wave sweep-

ing over the editorial sea. The wife of the editor of the Carroll Banner led off, and now brother Jos. Carew, of the Teche Pilot, has joined in the procession, and there is an anxious query in the minds of the fraternity, "Whose turn next?"—Baton Rouge Truth. Rumor says it is the fair Vivian herself.

The Governor Legislature proposes to

make Robert E. Lee's birthday—Jan. 19—a public holiday in the Empire State of the South. Let every other Southern State follow the example and thus honor the memory of one of the greatest soldiers and most admirable men that this or any other age ever produced.

Sullivan the slagger has been con-

demned at Purvis, Miss., and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the county jail. He has appealed, furnished bonds and gone home. The case will come up before the Supreme Court next February. Kilrain will be tried shortly. John Fitzpatrick, the referee, has been fined \$200.

Rubber Stamps, Stencils, Seals, Mon-

ograms, Badges, &c., furnished on short notice. Apply to Fred L. Sandoz.

Always price Bloch's goods before

you buy elsewhere. Lower than the lowest are my prices! See advertisement. C. DIETLEIN.

The Conlee Croche Affair.

The following special from Opelousas to the New Orleans Picayune, dated Aug. 16, concerning the deplorable affair at Conlee Croche, to which reference was made in these columns last week, is supposed to contain a pretty correct account of the facts of the case: Sheriff Fontenot returned from Conlee Croche this afternoon as he leaves for the last thirty-six hours investigating the shooting of Mr. Dupichain by the regulators, as reported to you yesterday. Sheriff Fontenot brought the following prisoners accused of this "going to wit": Lestie Meche, Joseph Smith, Lestie Smith, Celestin Lavergne, Eugene Meche, Charles Melancon, Maurice Smith, Milton Beaul, Siphroyen Meche, Leoval Meche. An individual named Gerasin Meche was also arrested, but inasmuch as his leg was broken from a load of buckshot from Dupichain's gun, he was left in Conlee Croche under proper guard. The facts as ascertained from reliable authority are as follows: Thursday morning, about 2 o'clock, the regulators appeared at Mr. Dupichain's doors and windows, armed with guns and pistols, which they held as if ready for use. Dupichain asked them who they were. They answered that they were the sheriff. Dupichain then asked them what they wanted. They answered that they wanted Sylvain Loblanc, the negro. Dupichain called the negro in the room. When she saw the regulators she begged Mr. Dupichain to protect her, at the same time catching hold of him. At this point the regulators rushed in the room and grabbed the woman, who was still holding on to Dupichain, with a struggle followed. The struggle continued until the regulators dragged the woman on the gallery in scuffling toward the front door, the regulators having dragged both out. Dupichain grabbed his shotgun, and when the regulators reached the ground, dragging the woman, Dupichain's gun snapped the first time, but his gun fired the second barrel on which was the regulator's head. The shot that broke Regulator Gerasin Meche's leg. The regulators then opened fire on Dupichain with shotguns, riddling him from his waist up. About this time the regulators fired shots from either a rifle or large revolver, as the balls that pierced the walls and were found in the house were recalled. Mr. Dupichain's wounds, though serious, will not prove fatal. This occurrence is denounced by all our people. Dupichain is one of the best citizens of that neighborhood and a man of means. It is fortunate that the rifle balls which pierced the walls did not hit the child in the bed. Too much credit cannot be accorded to our efficient Sheriff Fontenot for the intelligent and effective manner in which he worked out this last night's case. He is to be commended as exhibited by our worthy sheriff that these acts of lawlessness be stopped. Our people are glad that the sheriff has done his whole duty. Mr. Fontenot was accompanied by Messrs. C. F. Garland, John Moriniveau and Leo Stagg, his efficient deputies. It is understood that the regulators were arrested, which will shortly follow.

On Tuesday evening Sheriff Fontenot

brought to town and lodged in jail the following parties, accused of complicity in this affair, viz: Charles Arabi and Theobald Bergeron of Acadia, and Ursin Boudreau, of St. Landry. On Wednesday, Jerome Meche was arrested and lodged in jail.

Gerasin Meche, the party wounded

by Dupichain, is the constable of the 2d ward of Acadia parish. The only defense or apology for this remarkable occurrence that we have heard of is the fact that the people of the neighborhood were outraged at the example of miscegenation under their very eyes, and emboldened and contaminated by the lawless example of their neighbors just across the line in Lafayette. While these mitigating causes may have their weight in the public mind, they will not amount to much in a court of justice.

Attorneys Eslette, Dupré and

Laurent Dupré have been retained to assist the District Attorney in the prosecution.

St. Mary Banner: Cote Blanche Is-

land is becoming quite a summer resort for the Franklin people. Mr. Bleeker and family have been spending a few days there enjoying the refreshing sea breeze.

Messrs. Ed. Shepherd, Rob Bush,

Gna Gads, Oscar Lyman, John and Fred Frere, and Bob Gill have just returned from a delightful trip to the Island.

The party from Opelousas consisting

of Messrs. Kenneth Baillio, Judge T. E. Brooks, Henry Dejean, and Chas. Pefrenoy were more than delighted with their trip. Mr. Baillio expressed his intention to return, to charter a boat, and make another trip before the fishing season is over. Cote Blanche, as a resort, without scarcely any accommodations, has had not less than fifty visitors during this month. A nice hotel there and that fine bathing and fishing would attract visitors from different parts of the State.

N. O. States: The telephote is soon to

be introduced as a companion to the telephone. As the telephote enables us to see far off objects. Its inventor is a Frenchman, M. Courtonne; and he says that the instrument will transmit luminous vibrations through any kind of obstacles for thousands of miles. In brief, the user of the telephote will see whatever is visible from the instrument at the other end of the wire as easily and as clearly as if he were on the spot. We shall be able by and with its use, to see, for example, London from Highgate Hill or Edinburgh from Arthur's Seat, and here at our ease in New Orleans, as well here at our ease in the English or Scottish capital. Hurry up the telephote.

Shreveport Times: The recent ses-

sion of the Educational convention at Ruston has filled the State with almost an epidemic of intellectual talk and furnished the papers with a prolific and useful theme of discussion. The growth of the human mind means the advancement of the human race in mental, moral and social elevation. These are the golden keys that open the highway to the plateau of an advanced civilization and all the brilliant surroundings of peace, prosperity and happiness. "Knowledge is power," and the present year seems to mark a distinguished era in the history of Louisiana in the matter of the enlightenment and mental growth of her sons and daughters. God speed the noble work!

General Notes.

The assessment of Tangipahoa parish

shows an increase over last year of \$355,000. What seems to be a reliable account of a case of hydrophobia cured by eating the leaves of the magney plant is going the rounds of the Mexican press.

Hon S. M. Robertson will assist in

the canvass of the 3d district. He is a true, able and reliable Democrat, and always ready to assist his party.

DeSoto Democrat: DeSoto parish has

fallen into line with other parishes with an increased valuation of property for the present year. The total assessment for 1889 is \$1,562,703 against \$1,416,305 for 1888, being an increase of \$146,398.

St. Mary Banner: It looks as if the

White Republican Reform-Minor Duferri combination machine, with the Patty-Warpath attachment, is not running as smoothly as its ardent admirers hope and expected. There seems to be a woful shortage in its supply of official lubricating oil.

The ex-Confederate Association of

Chicago is endeavoring to raise funds for a monument over the graves of the 7000 Confederate soldiers who died while prisoners of war at Camp Douglas, in Chicago, and who now lie in unmarked and neglected graves at Oakwood Cemetery, near that city.

Ex-Attorney General Garland is the

only member of the Cabinet of the last administration who has remained in Washington. He has just been appointed attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad at a salary of \$25,000 a year. He will remain there and take charge of the interests of the road.

Florida Times-Union: A young Kentu-

ckian writes to enquire "what is needed to start a paper in a small Florida town?" In the first place, you need the town. Then get a poet, a snake editor, a free pass and some fishhooks. Of course, being a Kentuckian, you can think up a remedy for snake bites yourself.

New York is already talking about a

tower for 1892 that will exceed in height the famous Eiffel tower of the Paris Exposition by at least 500 feet. New York is right; we need anything by halves in America and that would be a fine way of showing that we have got higher up in the world than any of its other great nations.

Ruston Calligraph: Paris green is

made of two of the most active poisons we have (arsenic and copper), and in using it on cotton to destroy worms it cannot be handled too carefully. By no means allow it to come in contact with a sore on the hand. Many part of the person or a raw surface, or very serious results may follow.

W. B. R. Sugar Planter, Aug. 17: An

encampment of the Baton Rouge Fenicians, the West Baton Rouge Delta Rifles and Kirkland Rifles, and the Iberville Guards, was held at Camp Courrier, opposite Plaquemine, beginning last Tuesday. The encampment was held for the purpose of drilling the men in battalion drill and electing the officers of the battalion. No doubt the boys had a right royal time.

RECIPE FOR PARIS GREEN POISON-

ing.—This recipe is given us by a physician and druggist of Ruston, and is as follows: Use an ounce sulphate of zinc, followed by lime water in copious draughts, and after this lax seed tea, or slippery elm water. You can get these medicines in either of the drug stores and directions for taking them. Paris green is a very active poison and too much care cannot be observed in using it.—Ruston Calligraph.

Items of Interest.

Mr. Edison is working at a faraght machine, which, when perfected will enable persons to see 100 miles.

Louisiana Review: Mr. A. R. Burdell has

declared his interest in the Crowley Signal and after a trip North will settle permanently in this city.

Savere Sentinel: Cotton markets show a

slight rise in the price of the staple. The price will no doubt rise very much more when it is definitely understood that the crop is likely to be very materially lessened by the depredations of the worms that are now to be found in almost every field.

Conestaba Citizen: Cameron parish is

the banner parish of the State for law-abiding citizens. At a recent session of the District Court held at Leesport, the parish sent no single case on the docket and the petty jury was discharged on the second day of the term. The grand jury after a three days session failed to indict a single case. The jail is deserted and has been without an occupant for years. No whisky is sold in Cameron and there are no criminals. Whether the splendid state of affairs in Cameron is due to the vigilance of the people or to the absence of intoxicating liquor or not, we are unprepared to say, but the coincidence is at least striking and suggestive.

Steve Dorsey, the one-time millionaire,

political jobber, ex-Senator, and ex-boss, is under arrest in New York because he cannot furnish bail in the sum of \$5000; and in his downfall his old time pals and boon companions promptly deserted him to his fate. Soon or late the public thief learns by experience that the way of the transgressor is a hard one to travel. Witness the fate of the 2000 pound note of the Freed ring, the fall of the great whisky ring of 1874-5-7, and the tumble into jail now of the head center of the star-route fraud here. These three cases settle matters; they revealed and rioted; they had their day; few of them were overtaken by the law and punished by the courts; but the sword of eternal justice has followed them, and none of them all so far as we know, has died an honored death; none of the survivors can hold up their heads among honest men or even get treated by unscrupulous thieves, which contains a lesson for all.

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Personal.

Mr. Alfred J. Dupré is a

Mr. Beckman Brand, of New Orleans, is on a visit to friends in town and vicinity. Miss Ella Dupré, of Washington, is spending some time with friends here.

Mr. Edmund Quirk, of Garland Station,

was in town on Monday. F. E. Bailey and family spent last Sunday in Lafayette.

Fr. Louis Desmarais, Jr., who has been

attending school at Joliette, Canada, for the past two years, returned to Opelousas last Monday.

Mr. Isidore Munschelheimer, who eleven

years ago resided here, but since Dallas, Tex., is on a visit to friends and relatives in town.

We have received with the compliments

of one of our friends a visit of pleasure in Canada and the United States, two copies of late Toronto papers. Many thanks.

Messrs. J. G. Jager, after a stay of several

weeks with relatives and friends in New Orleans, returned home on last Friday.

Miss Susie Wells, of Lake Charles, left

on Sunday for New Orleans, where she spent a few days before going home.

Miss Castello, of Morgan City, is the

guest of her friend, Miss Alice Dietlein. Mr. W. Bailey spent last week in New Orleans.

Mr. C. A. Phillippi, of New Orleans was

here this week looking up the cotton buying question for the approaching season.

Miss Mrs. Frankel, of Crowley, returned

home Sunday, after spending several days with her parents here.

Messrs. L. Fontenot, Jr., and Burt Che-

vis, of V-shington, were among the visitors to our town on Thursday.

M. Stafford Drinkard, a type in the

Courier office fifteen years ago, and a resident of Texas for the last 14 years, is now here on his first visit since his removal from town.

Mr. C. Jewitt from Plaquemine Ridge,

has returned to town with his family, and occupies the residence recently vacated by C. D. Stewart, on Court street.

Mr. L. A. Sandoz, of the COURIER,

accompanied by his daughter, Miss Alice, departed on yesterday's train for Detroit, Mich., to attend the meeting of the National Editorial Association, which convenes that city on Monday. A grand programme of business and pleasure is arranged for the occasion, including an excursion to Niagara Falls, and other points of interest, with the usual assortment of rides, receptions, banquets, &c.

ST. LANDRY P., 29, Aug. 21, 1889.

EDITORS COURIER:—A certain portion of Catahouche has no rain yet. Faquetique is well supplied with rain; in some portions the rice levees have been covered with water several inches deep. In some places the water is so much rain; others say they have not had enough. Those who had lakes will make large crops, the rest of the crops are suffering. In Lower Mamou the crops are suffering. There are a good many bugs or chinchies in the rice that is headed; these bugs are in enormous numbers. They have destroyed all the corn in Pointe a la Pique. The corn is of a yellowish color, hard shell (like spring bugs), about the size of a grain of corn. It is called "one panasse" (a louse). Its nature is to eat the milk out of the corn. The corn is of a yellowish color, hard shell (like spring bugs), about the size of a grain of corn. It is called "one panasse" (a louse). Its nature is to eat the milk out of the corn. The corn is of a yellowish color, hard shell (like spring bugs), about the size of a grain of corn. It is called "one panasse" (a louse). Its nature is to eat the milk out of the corn.

TRAVELER.

Mr. P. D. Delacour, Cypremont P. O., La., Aug. 18, 1889. "Three years ago an agent representing Dr. Davis' Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, called on me at my residence. Being busy was unable to give him any time. Before leaving he gave me a sample bottle of Davis' Wild Cherry and Tar, asking me to give it to any one suffering with a cough or cold. Several days afterward I caught a heavy cold. Remembering the sample, thought I would try it. Six teaspoonfuls of it cured me. I have since used it and have sold it with satisfaction to all. It acts like magic on all my family, and I would not be without it. I take pleasure in recommending it to all times. One dollar bottles hold two and a half times as much as 50c. bottles do."

Baton Rouge Advocate: The farmers of

Rapides parish are seriously considering the advisability of resuming the planting of sugar cane instead of cotton. Prior to the war this parish produced a large quantity of sugar, but the high price of cotton, and the fact that sugar was induced most of them to cultivate the rice they staple. However, they have now come to the conclusion that sugar would be more profitable, and are considering the advisability of a change.

Trains leave (Debarbon Station) Chicago,

daily, via Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway, for Detroit and Mt. Clemens, as follows: 2:35 p. m. and 8:15 p. m., arriving in Detroit 11:40 p. m. and 7:45 a. m.; or the former stopped in Detroit in Dining Car; the latter has a new and elegant Pullman Buffet Sleeping Car attached, in which a nice lunch may be secured when desired. For tickets or further information apply to E. H. Hughes, General Western Passenger Agent Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway, No. 103 S. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

Several Cases of Blood Poison.

Thousands suffer from blood poison, who would be cured if they gave B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) a trial. Send to the Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga., for book of wonderful cures that convince the most skeptical. It is sent free.

J. O. Gibson, Meridian, Miss., writes: "For

numbers of years I suffered untold agonies from blood poison. Several prominent physicians did me little if any good. I began to use B. B. B. with very little faith but to my utter surprise it has made me a well and happy man."

Z. T. Hallerton, Macon, Ga., writes: "I con-

tracted blood poison. I first tried physicians, and then went to Hot Springs, a returned home a ruined man physically. Nothing seemed to do me any good. My mother persuaded me to try B. B. B. To my utter astonishment, very