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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1889

Our streets are getting very dusty.

Bottled beer on ice at 5c a glass, at Filaseca's, opposite the Market House.

There are now thirty-five prisoners in our parish jail.

Special attention is called to the article under the head of "Great Corn Palace," in another column.

The entertainment by the troupe of French actors from New Orleans, has been postponed to the 7th and 8th prox.

Rubber Stamps, Stencils, Seals, Monograms, Badges, &c., furnished on short notice. Apply to Fred L. Sandoz.

The preliminary examination of the parties implicated in the Conlog Croche affair was commenced Friday, and at this writing had not been completed.

FOR SALE.—A residence with eight rooms, outhouses, and four acres of land—orchard, garden, &c., included. Apply to Mrs. E. Veltin, on the premises.

Those delicate scuppernon grapes at the Mount Hope Nursery are now ripening fast, and going like hot cakes. Try 'em any call early.

A loan of \$600.00 will be offered by the St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association, next Monday, Sept. 2d, at 8 p. m., at the office of the Secretary.

Lastie Lavergne was jailed last Monday night, for having stabbed John Smith at Plaquemine Ridge that day. Smith is reported to be dangerously wounded.

Grand preparations are being made for the ball by the Opelousas Social Club on next Tuesday, Sept. 3. A fine time is anticipated by the devotees of Terpsichore. See advertisement.

The most flattering reports reach us of the condition of the crops throughout the parish. There are very few sections where the caterpillars have not been completely annihilated.

We acknowledge the receipt of complimentary tickets to attend the Fourth Annual Fair of the Louisiana State Fair and Shreveport Exposition to be held at Shreveport, La., October 8th to 14th, 1889.

The Ouachita Telegraph, one of our most valued exchanges, has entered its 25th volume. We wish the Telegraph and its able and energetic editor, C. H. Trousdale, Esq., a long life of prosperity and usefulness.

That popular Society, the Opelousas Social Club, will tender to the young people of our town and vicinity a Grand Fancy Dress Hop on next Friday evening, Sept. 6, from 8 to 11 o'clock. A most enjoyable time is made to the young folks under 16 years of age to come and enjoy themselves.

Deputy Sheriff Morshinieg was called to investigate a case of larceny at Bellemont last Sunday. The meat and hide of a calf was found, and Achille Lonnillier and Thomas Lee, colored, were captured after a chase through the swamps, charged with being the guilty parties. Elias Lee, colored, implicated in this affair, surrendered and was also jailed.

The jury commissioners for our parish met next Monday, for the purpose of drawing a jury for the criminal term beginning here in November. It is earnestly to be hoped that the jury to be drawn will be composed of citizens having the necessary qualifications to discharge the responsible duties devolving upon them, with intelligence, firmness, and an eye single to the public interests.

Last week a little son, 11 years old, of Mr. Emogene Guillory, in Prairie Manon, while riding in his father's corn field, was attacked by an infuriated bull that had entered the field by jumping the fence from the prairie, gored the horse in the flank, throwing the animal and child some distance, and continued the attack until the horse was killed, during which the child made his escape, badly scared but not seriously hurt.

The annual St. Louis celebration of the Chacheré Family, took place at Bellevue Hall on last Sunday. About 200 persons were in attendance, and all heartily enjoyed the day's reunion and pleasures. The following officers were elected to serve for the next year: W. O. Perrault, president; J. E. Chacheré, 1st vice-president; E. T. Lafleur, 2d vice-president; J. L. Chacheré, secretary; Robert Chacheré, treasurer.

Last Monday evening about 4 o'clock, Durel Guillory, from Prairie Basse, was in Chas. Pefferkorn's restaurant, while Mr. P.'s children were playing about the room. Guillory said something to the children in French which they did not understand, when he drew his pistol and fired a shot. Guillory then started up the street when he was stopped by deputy sheriff Morshinieg, who attempted to arrest him, but he was resisted, and an attempt made to use his pistol again, when the deputy took hold of the arm and held him until officer Wallier disarmed the belligerent; he then drew a pocket knife which was taken from him, and then attempted to draw another knife which was also taken away. He was landed in jail charged with shooting with intent to kill, resisting an officer and carrying concealed weapons.

## Personal.

Mr. Frank Dietlein left on Monday for Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. W. H. Ray, of Chataignier, made a short visit to town last Saturday.

Judge E. T. Lafleur and wife were in town on Tuesday.

Mr. R. O. Hardesty, of Chataignier, was in town this week.

Judge J. J. Neyland, of Washington, favored us with an appreciated call last Tuesday.

Mr. Jacques Perrodin left Sunday for New Orleans, where he will for the present remain.

Miss Bella Jacobs, of Washington, spent a day or two among friends here this week.

Miss Bertha Harmanson, after a stay of several weeks at Big Cane and Morrow, is at home again.

Mr. Numa Estorge, a brother of H. E. Estor, Esq., is visiting his friends in town.

Miss Delphine Lafont, of Lafayette, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Sandoz.

Miss Lydia St. Gaudin, of Washington, spent some time with friends in town this week.

Mr. Louis Megley, of Rayne, came here for a short stay with relatives last Sunday.

Hon. B. F. Hardesty, of Washington, was on a short visit to our town last Thursday.

Miss Ethel Castillo, who has been the guest of Miss Alice Dietlein for several days, returned to Morgan City Wednesday.

Mr. Isidore Munzshelmer, who has spent several days very agreeably here among friends, returned to his home in Dallas, Thursday.

Mr. Armand Lafont, son of Judge E. T. Lafleur, left last Monday for Louisville, Ky., where he goes to attend the Kentucky Medical College.

A. J. Guidry, lately engaged in the drug business at this place, is now a traveling salesman for Conklin, George & Gaines of Houston, Texas, wholesale druggists.—Crowley Signal.

Mourne Bulletin: The New Orleans States takes the position that the Southern question can only be permanently settled by the abrogation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Federal Constitution, arguing that an educational qualification will only afford temporary relief. The States is right. We, however, have favored the educational plan merely for the sake of the temporary relief, not thinking the time ripe to agitate the abrogation of the aforesaid amendments, and trusting to time and the necessities of the occasion to suggest further remedies when the educational qualification ceased to be of avail. Public sentiment, both North and South, is now rapidly making in favor of abrogating the amendments, and we think it only a question of time, and a very short time, before the country will be a unit in favor of the proposition.

The popular Montross Hotel, Biloxi, was the scene of a pleasant little episode last Saturday evening, when its enterprising and courteous proprietor, Col. P. J. Montross, received a marked evidence of the high esteem his lady guests entertain for him and his excellent hotel. A dispatch to the N. O. Times-Democrat of the 25th, says:

Last night Col. P. J. Montross, of the Montross Hotel, was presented with an elegant gold medal by the lady guests of the hotel as a token of their appreciation of Col. Montross' marked attention and courtesy. On one side of the medal is a fine sketch of the Montross Hotel and the other a picture of the young man. The presentation was made by Mrs. Dr. Bille. Col. E. D. Eaton responded in behalf of Col. Montross. This is a deserved compliment to a worthy gentleman.

It is evident, that if the amiable Mrs. Montross don't keep an eye on the Col., the ladies will be "getting away" with our old friend.

The President of the Liverpool Cotton Association, Limited, has telegraphed as follows, no doubt in the interest of a long bagging trust: "I have been instructed to intimate to the American exchanges that this Association condemns the use of cotton bagging, and does not see its way in dealing with cottons covered." It looks as if there will be trouble when the shipping season begins, as our planters have determined to use cotton bagging. As some of our leading exchanges have intimated, there need be no trouble about the matter. Just let our American exchanges confront the different people with what is good among each class, and what is bad. They harmonize clashing customs and soften asperities. They gradually obliterate the more objectionable habits and customs and render the people homogeneous, patriotic and home loving. They make them intelligent, well informed, prosperous, happy and one.

Lake Charles Commercial: A number of the State papers are agitating another remodeling of the judiciary and demanding the elimination of the Circuit Court of Appeals. The general idea, so far as expression has been obtained, seems to be to vest the criminal and civil departments of the Circuit Courts with increased jurisdiction and larger areas. All agree that the present system is cumbersome, expensive and inefficient. The Baton Rouge Advocate, in a tabulated statement of the salaries of judges and district attorneys, finds an aggregate of \$232,250, of which the salaries of the twelve appellate judges swallow \$16,000. The Advocate says, regarding these latter courts:

"Their duty has been performed and their mission ended. The record they are at present making shows that they are now worse than worthless. Not only do they cost extravagantly, but they are establishing a jurisprudence which is a disgrace to the State as Jacob's coat. Law, or rather its interpretation, is the limit of the circuit court's jurisdiction, may have six different significations, for there are that number of circuits. Frequently the cost of the court is greater than the aggregate of all the amounts in controversy before them."

Barrett & Sons have decided to remain thirty days longer. All persons who are in need of photographs should give them a call. Work first class.

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Always price Bloch's goods before you buy elsewhere.

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## General Notes.

The government is having new postal cards prepared in three sizes, two of which will be considerably larger than those now in use.

The State's assessment is estimated as having increased this year about \$20,000,000 which will give a net increase of State revenue for all purposes of about \$100,000.

Facts show that those portions of our State which have recently been so greatly developed by an influx of new people, those which have the best educational facilities, the most school houses, and more money to carry on the schools. Every day shows a stronger feeling of interest in this question all over the State.

Lafayette Advertiser: The Rapides Central Sugar Refinery is now an assured success. We believe in our Lafayette planters would go into our Lafayette and discuss the matter, they would readily come to the conclusion we have been urging for some time—that on a large majority of our farms cane culture would bring returns at least 50 per cent ahead of cotton.

Vermilion Star: Mr. A. M. Bronsard, brought to this office a bunch of bananas fully matured and perfectly ripe. The tree on which they grew has seven bunches, all of which will mature in a short time. This completely explodes the old idea that bananas will not ripen here. With the proper attention given the tree in winter, bananas can be grown successfully here.

Colfax Chronicle: The editor of the Winn Parish Democrat gives the following plan for catching moles, which is quite novel, but simple and inexpensive, and said to be effective: "Take a beef horn and place it in the run of the mole, with the mouth facing their approach. They crawl into the horn and will never go backwards. As many as three are said to have been caught at one haul, all in the same horn. Two horns with their mouths facing in different directions, so as to catch the moles coming and going, would soon clean them up."

New York Tribune: In the worst of our hot, humid, sticky, suffocating weather, let us be thankful that it is no worse. Thankful, for instance, that our weather is not that endured in Southern Russia, where for the first ten days of July the thermometer never registered less than 114 in the sun at the top of the most tolerable pitch of 130 in the shade. Day after day the record was the same. Never a shower nor even a passing cloud. The air absolutely still, without even a morning or evening breeze. The nights differing from days only in being dark instead of light; just as sultry, just as oppressive. Surely Gen. Humidity's most vicious onslaught has not given us such suffering as that.

The assessor is making out a map of the parish by townships, for his own use and information. When you come to town see if your lands are properly located thereon.—Winn Parish Democrat.

When he gets it done he had better file it in his office as a public document for the "use and information" of all the people. The law requires him, as well as the assessors of all the other parishes, to make complete maps or plats of all the townships, and a book already marked and ruled for this purpose is furnished to each assessor at the expense of the State. It is a matter of public notoriety, however, that a large number of the assessors neglect or refuse to perform their duty in this respect. A little vigilance, coupled with the austerity of the law, on the part of our police jury would have an wholesome effect right here.—Colfax Chronicle.

Lake Charles Echo: While attending the fair at Westlake the other week, what a grand school! One fair is worth twelve months of public schools. Go to a fair and see what every other man of your parish knows and does in similar pursuits to your own. Let the agriculturist see the little conveniences and improvement his neighbor uses. In a few short hours learn how much has been done, how much can be done. Avail yourselves of the information, and at another fair go to show what your own humble thought and invention has added to the new things so lately learned, and see what others have done. Fairs improve agriculture, multiply crops, improve stock and all the conveniences of life. Fairs acquaint the different people with what is good among each class, and what is bad. They harmonize clashing customs and soften asperities. They gradually obliterate the more objectionable habits and customs and render the people homogeneous, patriotic and home loving. They make them intelligent, well informed, prosperous, happy and one.

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## Pirated Ideas of How Girls Act While Kissing.

The Chicot girl removeth her specks.

And freeth her face with a smile.

The Chickasaw girl moveth her book.

And cleweth her wax meawwhile.

The Grand Coteau girl bows her stately head.

And fixes her stylish lips

In a trim, hard way, and lets them go.

In spasmodic little snips.

The Washington girl, the pride of her town.

In her clinging and most coy way.

Absorbs it all with a yearning yearn.

As big as a bale of hay.

The Villa Plate girl says never a word.

And you'd think she was rather tame;

With her practical view of the matter in hand.

But she gets there all the same.

The Bellevue girl, a creature divine.

Whether wild, slow or wise.

Looks into your eyes with her arctic orbs.

And puts her whole soul in a kiss.

The Plaquemine girl will at first refuse.

Just to have you insist and plead.

But when she finally gives her consent.

Her kiss you'll confess takes the lead.

The Chataignier girl confesses her dreamy eyes.

And in asked to osculate.

With the usual dead the kiss.

But she really likes first rate.

The Levee girl on tip toe stands.

Her lips so rosy and red.

To your thirty kisses with your hands.

And let her go, Gallagher, dead.

The Arnaudville girl, so gentle and sweet.

Lets her lips meet the coming kiss.

With rapturous warmth, and the youthful souls

Kept away on a sea of bliss.

The Bayou Geard girl leans back in her chair.

To your thirty kisses with your hands.

And you know how it is yourself.

But when you want the sweetest kiss.

Ever given to the son of man.

Ask the Opelousas girls to show you how.

For they know the best plan.

CHATAIGNIER, LA., August 25, 1889.

EDITORS COURIER:—The worms are eating the cotton and, although every effort is made to exterminate them, the farmers are despondent. Experience teaches that the caterpillar may be destroyed, but the crop is invariably injured. This year has been one of trial and tribulation. The spring was so dry that nothing could be planted or worked in its season; it was feared for a while that the crops would prove a complete failure; fortunately, to the surprise of all, after a few showers, the corn and rice came out as if by magic. The entabes will be abundant and the worms will be a complete failure; the green tender leaves of the young cotton plant.

The renovation of the Catholic church going on steadily under the supervision of our energetic pastor, Rev. B. Branche. A beautiful baptismal font was purchased and added greatly to the appearance of the interior of the edifice.

Mrs. Broutour, a lady from New Orleans, is paying a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Chataignier, who is here on a visit.

The Sheriff's beautiful daughter, Miss Beatrice Fontenot, was here last week, spending part of her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Fontenot, in the picturesque villa of the family.

Dr. Hardy's charming daughter, Miss Rosa, came home Saturday.

Chataignier is a delightful section of the parish; the scenery is beautiful, the soil fruitful, the farmers honest and full of energy. All we need is good roads and plenty of water, and we would be a great improvement to our neighbors.

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## GREAT CORN PALACE

Sioux City, Iowa,

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PEOPLE who have never visited a Sioux City, Iowa, Fair, are not aware of the magnitude, nor of the opportunity there afforded for exhibiting every product and manufactured article of any section of our country. Their attendance averages from 10,000 to 30,000 per day for thirteen consecutive days, and as a rule, are a class of people who are close observers of the resources of our country.

For this reason, the ILLINOIS CENTRAL railroad is desirous that Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana should be represented at the coming Corn Palace, with fine exhibits of all the products and resources of these three grand states. The South looks to the Northwest for capital and immigration, and in no possible way can they so well treat this subject, with specimens of what they can profitably grow and manufacture, as through creditable exhibits at the Palace, which opens at Sioux City, September 23, and closes October 5. To secure such an exhibit requires patience and hard work by enterprising citizens who are anxious to see their respective States prominently represented at the Corn Palace. We are willing to cooperate with the people in securing such an exhibit, and will not transport any exhibit at the expense of the Palace, but will be the expense of fitting up the space assigned each of the above named States, and furnish a competent man to look after the exhibit, and attend to the Palace's closed. We want a small quantity of every kind of canned fruit and vegetables, every kind of grain, cotton, corn, seed, cane, sugar, and sugar, every variety of wood, manufactured articles, when the raw material is grown in the state, and everything that will advertise what the South can produce.

Citizens of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, shall have your hearty and immediate cooperation in this matter. Will you not organize at every station on the line of the Illinois Central, and through systematic effort, secure the very best possible exhibits, and have them at your respective stations, marked with owner's name and town to which they are to be accredited. A Southern exhibit, such as this, is a great attraction at the Corn Palace, and would advertise your resources as nothing else possibly could. Parties who are willing to take the expense of fitting up the space assigned each of the above named States, and furnish a competent man to look after the exhibit, and attend to the Palace's closed. We want a small quantity of every kind of canned fruit and vegetables, every kind of grain, cotton, corn, seed, cane, sugar, and sugar, every variety of wood, manufactured articles, when the raw material is grown in the state, and everything that will advertise what the South can produce.

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