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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : : : : MARCH 15, 1890.

Beastly weather.

A disastrous crevasse in Arkansas. More a-coming, we fear.

The Police Jury meets in regular session on Monday next.

Our town election will take place on Monday, April 7.

The vanguard of the grand army of English sparrows has reached Opelousas.

A loan of $1000 will be made by the Homestead and Loan Association on March 29th. See notice.

People here wouldn't send to the city so often for articles if our home merchants would advertise their goods.

We are informed that the bridge over bayou Carron at Washington is in a dangerous condition, and requires immediate attention.

A meeting of the stockholders of the St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association will be held at the Court House on Monday next at 8 p. m. See notice.

Rapid transit. The Alexandria Democrat of the 26th ult. reached us on March 11. Alexandria is 63 miles from Opelousas and a railroad mail train passing here leaves there every day.

Congressman Robertson's bill for a $100,000 building at Baton Rouge and Congressman Blanchard's bill for a $50,000 building at Alexandria both finally passed the House last Tuesday and were sent to the Senate.

At the last term of the District Court in Lake Charles, Calcasieu parish, there were twelve convictions in criminal cases and no acquittals. Six of the twelve convicted go to the penitentiary for terms varying from one to ten years. The record for the two preceding years is also very good. The "fine Italian hand" of our friend and former fellow-townsman, District Attorney Gibbs, can be easily detected in all this business.

Mrs. Mary Reed Goodale, of Baton Rouge, the well known temperance lecturer, and one of the leading members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Louisiana, will deliver a lecture at the Methodist Church in Opelousas next Monday night, the 17th inst. Mrs. Goodale is an attractive and entertaining speaker, and we fear that the church will be to small to contain the crowds who will flock there to hear her.

Congressman Robertson has appointed our young friend Fritz L. Sandoz, son of W. A. Sandoz, Esq., as Naval Cadet at the National Academy at Annapolis, Md., from the 6th Congressional District. He is a worthy, manly boy of 17, and will doutless reflect credit upon his parish and State, and amply justify the confidence reposed in him by our excellent Congsessman. We predict for him a bright and honorable career.

Improvements are steadily going on here. Mr. F. E. Bailey has just completed a neat residence adjoining Mrs. Hebrard's; Mr. Jean Tujague is building a small residence on the west side of the railroad; the new Episcopal Church, on Union street, is looming up into graceful proportions; Mr. Anthony Dietlein is having an elegant residence built on the same street; and a large dwelling is being erected in the north-western part of town, on Market street.

Major T. J. Bird, Commissioner of Agriculture has issued Bulletin No. 27, a most instructive review of the experiments made at the North Louisiana Experiment Station at Calhoun, during the year 1889. This is a very valuable document for farmers and gardeners, which should be in the hands of every person interested in agriculture. Major Bird will furnish a copy of this valuable publication free to all those sending for same. Address him at Baton Rouge.

The New Orleans City Item of the 10th inst. says:

"A gentleman from Washington, St. Landry parish, informs the *Item* that a movement is on foot to start a first-class cotton mill in that place, Senator Prescott and other public-spirited men having the project in hand. The supply of raw material is grown in the vicinity, the climate permits of all the year round work under the most favorable conditions, and white labor is abundant and eager to learn new occupations. If the factory should start out on cotton bagging manufacture the farmers would be delighted and take stock in the company. The *Item* hopes all the brightest anticipations of the promoters may be realized."

We take pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to an article under the head of "A Card" in another column, and in doing so we desire to state that we have a "Home Comfort" Range, manufactured by the Wrought Iron Range Co. of St. Louis, in use for several days, and have no hesitation in asserting that it comes fully up to all that is claimed for it, which is saying a great deal, but which we are satisfied will be the unanimous verdict of all who will give the Home Comfort a fair trial. The gentlemanly representatives of the St. Louis Wrought Iron Range Co., Messrs J. E. Massengill and his able assistants, are now here with a full supply of their celebrated ranges, and will take pleasure in demonstrating their many advantages to all interested; and as no well regulated kitchen can be complete without one, and the terms on which they are sold are extremely liberal, we say get one at once and you will never regret it.

District Court.

Ovide Godean came into Court and pleaded guilty of assault, and was fined $15 and costs, and in default of payment 30 days in jail.

Laurent Jacques, charged with shooting at with intent to commit murder, was tried by a jury, who rendered a verdict of guilty.

Ed. Melancon, charged with harse-stealing was found guilty with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court.

Allen McCoy, accused of larceny was tried and acquitted.

Henry Melancon was brought before a jury on a charge of stabbing with intent to commit murder and a mistrial entered, the jury being unable to agree upon a verdict.

The following parties were brought into Court and sentenced:

Adam Anderson, convicted of larceny; 18 months in the Penitentiary.

Ross Guillory, convicted of shooting at with intent to commit murder; $100. fine and costs and 6 months confinement in the parish jail: in default of payment of fine and costs, 6 months additional confinement.

Robert Springer, convicted of bigamy; ten days in jail and $25. and costs: in default of payment, 60 days more in jail.

Laurent Jacques, convicted of shooting at with intent to commit murder: 7 years confinement in the Penitentiary.

Charley Harney, for larceny; was sentenced to one years service in the Penitentiary.

Frank E. Frank, convicted of shooting with intent to commit murder; 6 months in the Penitentiary.

Charley Brown, for carrying concealed weapons; received 2 months in the parish jail.

Charley Brown, resisting an officer; 2 months in the Penitentiary.

Charley Brown, shooting at with intent to kill; 7 years in the Penitentiary.

Ed. Williams, for horse stealing; 3 years in the Penitentiary.

J. Duvean, for horse stealing, was sentenced to a term of 4 years in the Penitentiary.

Mary Carter, for larceny; was given 2 months in the parish jail.

Ed. Fields for horse stealing was treated to one year in the Penitentiary.

Personal.

Mr. C. C. Duson returned home on Friday last from Washington City.

Mr. Sol. Jacobs, left on Sunday for New Orleans.

Mr. O. H. Terwilligar spent Sunday in Crowley.

Mr. C. C. Duson and family left on Sunday's train for Crowley.

Miss Birdie Hatmanson, left on Monday for a pleasure trip to Big Cane.

Mrs. W. Foard after a pleasant stay in our town of several weeks, as the guest of Col J. C. Gillespie, returned to her home on the Atchafalaya on Saturday.

Mrs. B. A. Littell, left on Saturday to visit friends in Jackson, La.

Misses Eva Williams and Ada Sandoz paid a visit to friends in Washington on Saturday last.

Mr. Victor Goldman who has been in our parish for several months returned to his home in Victoria, Texas, on Friday.

Mrs. Alcée Dupré and Mr. Dubusqué Déjean paid a visit to friends in Grand Coteau on Sunday last.

Judge J. J. Neyland of Washington, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Ida Dupré of Washington is spending some time in town, as the guest of Miss Bathilde Fontenot.

Mr. W. Splan of Moundville, paid our town a visit on last Saturday.

Mr. Aaron Chacheré of Prud'homme City was in town on Friday of last week.

Mr. R. S. Wilkins a prominent merchant of our sister town of Washington paid our office a pleasant call on Monday.

Miss Stella Truman has accepted a school in Mamou.

Mrs. Edgar Roy and Mrs. Jos. D. Richard, left on Sunday for a short stay in Lake Charles.

Miss Nannie Pickett of Washington was in town on Monday.

Miss Corinne Roy of Lake Charles, who has been spending some time with friends and relatives in town, returned home on Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Stewart, made a business trip to Lake Charles the latter part of last week.

Messrs Ferdinand Chevis and Willie Triay of Washington were among the visitors to our town this week.

Mr. B. F. Meginley left on Monday for New Orleans.

Mr. —— Lazaro a student at Acadia College, Crowley, paid our sanctum a pleasant call on Monday.

Mr. W. N. Elliot and Miss Laura Mayo, of Lake Charles, were married last week.

Mr. Alphonse Levy, of the firm of J. Meyers & Co., is in New York.

N. O. Picayune, March 12: General Thomas C. Anderson, the well-known Republican leader, is very ill—so much so that he is unable to leave the hotel here and go to his home.

Robeline News, March 7: J. E. Massengill, Superintendent of Wrought Iron Co., and family leave for Opelousas this morning. During their stay among us they have by their kindness and affability made many friends who regret to see them take their leave.

The late fire on Canal street in New Orleans, which destroyed the popular piano house of Philip Werlein, has caused no interruption in his business. He is now located at No. 187 Canal street, and will be glad to serve old customers and add new ones to the list.

Mr. J. B. Wilkinson, Jr., the talented associate editor of the N. O. City Item, will please accept our thanks for a copy of his "Report on Diffusion and Mill Work," the best treatise on the subject ever published. It is a work that should be in the hands of every sugar planter in the State. Price, 50 cents. Copies may be had by addressing J. B. Wilkinson, Jr., 39 Natchez street, New Orleans.

We return thanks for an invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises of the Opelousas Female Institute for the class of 1890, which will take place at Perrodin's Hall next Friday night, March 21st, at 8 o'clock.

Work for the Legislature.

Monroe Telegraph-Bulletin.

As the time draws near for the biennial meeting of our State Legislature, it seems a proper thing for the press and people to discuss beforehand what measures they desire to be introduced and passed at the coming session. This is all the more important when we consider that the legislators are elected for so long a term as four years and meet only once in two years, so that they are extremely liable to get away from the people and to become ignorant of the public's wishes, unless these matters are freely discussed and sifted for their information. We can imagine no sadder or more pitiable spectacle than a legislator called on to vote on some question or measure when he does not know the wishes of his constituents on that question. Of course it is to be presumed that the people select their law-makers with reference to their wisdom and fidelity and fitness to protect the public weal; but we hold that it is equally necessary for the preservation of the liberties of the people that they should take pains from time to time to let their servants know exactly what they are expected and required to do on all important subjects. This serves a double purpose: it saves the faithful public servant from honest mistakes, and it prevents the knave from pleading that he voted in ignorance of the public will.

With these views, we propose to discharge a journalist's duty to the people by making timely legislative suggestions in accord with what we believe to be their interest and wish. If the press throughout the State will follow our example, we can pour a stream of light on legislative matters for the next two months that will necessarily result in good to the future of this commonwealth.

In the first place, we suggest that the Legislature reform the expenditures of our government so as to bring them to the same level as the expenses of our surrounding sister States. Let some member provide himself with an accurate statement of the expenses, say, of Mississippi, and then introduce a bill to bring our expenses to the same standard. You will be surpised to find how much more government costs in Louisiana than in Mississippi. You will be particularly struck with the difference in the cost of our judicial system and that of Mississippi, which is a larger State than ours, and the laws there are as efficiently administered. Yet the judges and district attorneys of Mississippi cost less than *one-third* the amount paid to judges and district attorneys in Louisiana! This sounds incredible, but it is true, and its truth is our shame. *

As to the details of reducing public expenses, we will only now refer to the changes which should be made in the judiciary department. It is beyond question the wish and interest of the people that the Circuit Courts should be abolished in toto. They served an honorable and useful purpose when they were organized. That purpose has been accomplished. They are not now needed, and it is the utmost folly for the State to continue to pay for them.

It is equally certain and beyond question that the number of district judges and district attorneys should be reduced to fifteen for the entire State. Do not be misled. Do not submit to any sort of compromise. Fifteen districts are ample. Experience and comparison prove this. The existing number of districts now and members of the State, without parallel in any other State, and in our own history, is the result of the generous but misguided effort of the constitutional convention of 1879 to provide each of its members with an office. If you do not correct this evil, legislators, you will not deserve well of the republic.

A question closely akin to the reduction of expenses is a provision for a fairer assessment in this State, to the end that our revenue may be adequate to the State's wants. There are millions of corporate property in this State which is not assessed for one-third its value. Thousands of merchants pay insurance on a much larger amount than they do taxes. Let the Legislature proceed at once to investigate this subject and adopt some method of equalization. * Every well-informed man admits that if the State property were fairly assessed six mills would furnish taxes enough to pay the interest on our debt, all reasonable governmental expenses and a generous allowance for schools, charitable institutions and levees. * * Then why should there be any insane talk about increasing the rate of taxation? * * In this connection we would advise that the assessors be made elective by the people. * *

We would advise that a railroad commission be created at once by the Legislature, similar to the railroad commissions that exist in our sister States. The vile charge has been made that the railroads have too much influence in the Louisiana Legislature to permit of any legislation regulating their conduct in this State. Give the lie to this charge by creating a fair commission whose powers shall be of the same scope and character as those possessed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and all the railroad commissions of other Southern States. If you cannot otherwise inform yourselves of how these laws are enacted and enforced in other States, appoint a special committee to gather the information. Let it no longer be possible to say that Louisiana is behind any other State in legislative reform and popular government. * * We invite the careful and serious attention of the Legislature to the subject of public education. Sufficient provision has not been made and though the officers are doing the best they can with the funds at their disposal all must admit that education is at a very low ebb in Louisiana. The public allowance is a pitiful one, not enough to guarantee three months schooling. Can you not increase the term to at least six months per year? The public debt will not be quite so large hereafter. Suppose you save a little for the schools from the interest fund? In parishes where they aid the schools by local taxation, the terms have been lengthened to eight and ten months and education is advancing and flourishing. You thus have the anomalous fact presented that some parts of the State are better governed than others and a number of unequal communities are growing up under the aegis of the same State. To obviate this unfortunate state of affairs, we would recommend that a constitutional amendment be adopted requiring each parish to devote two of its ten mills taxation to the support of public schools. * *

One of the first things the Legislature should do is to appoint a committee to investigate the Burke steal in all its phases. * *

Let another investigating committee be appointed to investigate the charge that the legislators, at least some of them, charged illegal and unconstitutional mileage at the adjournment of last session. * *

Blue and Gray.

We are in receipt of an invitation to be present at a grand re-union of the Blue and Gray, to be held at Vicksburg in May, from the 25th to the 30th inclusive.

The programme includes sham battles, pyrotechnic displays, bon fires, sham naval bombardment, excursions, barbecue, competitive drills, races, music and other features equally enterf taining. The graves of the dead o both armies will be decorated, and the proceedings will end with a banquet on the night of the 30th.

This should be a reunion in fact as well as in name, and all who participated in the great struggles in and around Vicksburg should attend if they possibly can. The tendency of such meetings is to promote good feelings and friendly intercourse between those who stood face to face in deadly strife twenty-five years ago, and as such intercourse is best for all parties it should be encouraged by all legitimate means.

A cordial invitation is extended to all veterans of both sides. The G. A. R. passed a resolution indorsing this move and wishing it great success.

Let all go who can.

A Card.

Robeline News.

We, the undersigned citizens of Robeline, La., regret very much that the gentlemen representing the justly celebrated Steel and Malleable Iron Ranges manufactured by the Wrought Iron Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo., 901 to 909 Washington Ave. will now depart for a new field of labor after having thoroughly canvassed this and adjoining parishes. Superintendent Massengill and his salesmen have been with us for the past three months and during that time have sold over three carloads of the above mentioned ranges to the best citizens only, and we have heard quite a number of these purchasers who have thoroughly tested these ranges, speak of them in the highest terms. We have found these gentlemen to be sober, industrious, and prompt to meet every contract, and we cheerfully recommend them to any community:

Mrs. A. V. Cox, private boarding house; E. Buvens, salesman Buvens & Co.; F. C. Gay, merchant; L. Daniel, merchant; C. E. Lunt, salesman for L. Daniel; W. B. Stille, merchant; A. Dover, merchant; Richard Maher, cotton buyer; H. Manheim, merchant; F. C. Blacksher, farmer; Cox & Thomas, merchants; C. J. Smith, merchant; L. B. Gay, merchant; Jas. McCook, postmaster and merchant; J. B. W. McCook, assistant postmaster; T. A. Carter, druggist; F. Crockett, agent T & P R'y; J. E. Keegan, Mayor of Robeline; L. O. Daniel, merchant and attorney; Ponder S. Carter, business manager News; S. E Russ; R. E. Foster, liveryman; W. W. Page, merchant; Rufus Sanders; W. A. Ponder, member of General Assembly; John N. Burkett, Justice of the Peace; Isaac F. Carter, attorney-at-law; A. V. Carter, editor Robeline News.

The West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter was in a sarcastic mood last week, worried, doubtless, by the close proximity of the flood which threatens to engulf it. Hear it:

The Police Jury of St. Landry have adopted an ordinance imposing a tax on rice threshers. While the honorable Police Jury of that parish is in the mood, we would respectfully suggest that they also tax plows, harrows, spades, hoes, etc. Our agricultural industries (particularly rice) are in an extremely flattering condition just now, the recent cold snap having stimulated the growth of cane, fruit, etc., while there is a strong possibility of ample irrigation from the Mississippi for all crops produced in this State. Yes, by all means, levy a direct tax on every implement used in agriculture; perhaps the profits of farming, already an exceedingly lucrative vocation, will be thereby increased.

Crowley Signal: Hurrah for Opelousas! Opelousas has furnished many worthy and honorable men, and every day adds new laurels to its long list. At the examination of students to fill five vacancies out of the Tulane University for the hospital, Messrs. Walter W. Duson and Albert Blóch, both of Opelousas were among the successful five. It surely speaks well for those young men who have labored hard to make a success, when it is remembered that there were at least fifty applicants for the places. We congratulate the parents on the success of such worthy sons.

Tops, marbles and fishing tackle at Ben Meginley's.

Sugar and rice planters are referred to the card of Wm. B. Bloomfield.

Spring time. Paint your houses and buy your paints at Dietlein's. He carries a full stock.

Crowley Signal: We learn that on Wednesday, Mr. Cristopher Gott, of Gott's Fery, one of the oldest residents of the parish, died, and within an hour his sister also died. A son had died about a week before, and two others of the family are dangerously sick. We failed to learn any further particulars.

Items of Interest.

Communications touching on anything of public interest are solicited.

It is just as easy and much more pleasant to be courteous and obliging than to be boorish and disobliging.

All scalp and skin diseases, dandruff, falling of the hair, gray or faded hair, may be cured by using that nature's true remedy, Hall's Hair Renewer.

The directors of the Davis Land Co. have paid over to Mrs. Davis $8000, as one-sixth payment on certain lands owned by ex-President Jeff. Davis in Arkansas.

New Iberia Enterprise, 8th: The electric light engine reached here last Monday and was placed in position. The dynamo is being put together, and it is possible that a trial of the lights will be made to night.

All the elements which nature requires, to make the hair beautiful and abundant, are supplied in Ayer's Hair Vigor. This preparation keeps the scalp free from dandruff, prevents the hair from becoming dry and harsh, and makes it flexible and glossy.

Alexandria, as a cotton market, is increasing steadily and rapidly every year. The receipts and shipments for the season of 1889-90, ending March 6th, 1890, amounted to 22,973 bales, at least 9,000 bales more than the receipts during the season of 1888-89.—Alexandria Town Talk.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans, leads all the newspapers published in the South—Daily and Weekly. It has the largest circulation.

Houma Courier: We are reliably informed that several important changes will be made at the New Orleans Mint in a few days. Coleman's friends will have to go: Warmoth is boss now.

FARMERVILLE, LA., May, 1887.

Having a severe attack of Flux some two years ago, I applied to Dr. Tichenor, of Baton Rouge, for treatment. He gave me his celebrated Antiseptic, and in a few days I was relieved and cured. JAMES RABUN.

It came out in an English court a few days ago that 100 worn-out horses had just been shipped from that country to Germany and Belgium to be used in the manufacture of sausage, and that such shipments were a regular thing.

Mr. James Lambert, of New Brunswick, Illinois, says: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism in the hips and legs, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It cured me in three days. I am all right to-day and would insist on every one who is afflicted with that terrible disease to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm and get well at once." For sale by J. Lassalle and all merchants.

The ravages of wild animals and snakes among human beings in India is something appalling. It is estimated that seven thousand persons are annually killed in that country by tigers, and that between eighteen and twenty thousand persons fall victims each year to the attacks of deadly serpents that infest India.

REDWINE, Jackson parish, La., December 1, 1886.

C. M. Sherrouse, Ag't.—I can say for Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic that it is a sure cure for fistula on horses and mules. I have tested it on a bad case, and effected a cure in a remarkably short time.

Resp'y, O. H. SPENCER.

West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter: A New Orleans paper is authority for the statement that "the Louisiana Lottery Company will probably offer $600,000 or $700,000 to the State (this amount to be devoted to educational and charitable purposes) for a renewal of its charter."

The following item has been going the rounds of the press, and as J. Lassalle, the grocer, handles the goods, it may interest our readers: "Having had occasion to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it gives me pleasure to state that I found it to be the best medicine for a cough I ever used; in fact, it cured me of a cough that had baffled several other cough medicines.—N. R. BURNETT, Atalissa, Iowa."

The famous and long-pending suit of Bernard Hans vs. the State of Louisiana was decided by the United States Supreme Court at Washington a few days ago in favor of the State. This disposes of other claims against the State, amounting in the aggregate to several millions of dollars.

Here it is, and it fills the bill much better than anything we could say: "It gives me the greatest pleasure to write you in regard to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. During the past winter I have sold more of it than any other kind, and have yet to find any one but what was benefited by taking it. I have never had any medicine in my store that gave such universal satisfaction.—J. M. RONEY, Druggist, Geuda Springs, Kansas." 50 cent bottles for sale by J. Lassalle and all merchants.

Lafourche Comet: The necessity of a bank for Thibodaux is often spoken of. Mr. Benthuysen, who got in from New York last Tuesday, was astonished to find us without a bank, and he says it would be an easy matter to obtain the necessary funds from New York to establish a bank here, provided the people would raise a portion of the capital among themselves to show that they meant business. Now, the people should embrace this opportunity. We are in great need of a bank, and besides it would be a paying business. Let us try to secure a bank.

HOMER, LA., June 3, 1887.

Mr. Editor—My buggy mare, Nellie, was very sick with colic yesterday evening when my Ruston friend, Mr. Sherrouse, called to see me. He immediately gave her a dose of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, which seemed to give relief in a few minutes; and a second dose, about 20 minutes later, entirely cured her. I wish to say this to your readers in justice to the medicine and for the benefit of others. Respectfully, T. B. WHITE.

Bienville New Era: Do our stock raising friends know what the grub known as a wolf, found in cows' backs is? It is the grub of the large black horse fly. The egg is deposited in the cow's back by the fly in "fly-time," and should be killed by rubbing with turpentine or coal oil.

We will mail free, on receipt of two cents in stamps, a sample box of Dr. Davis' Liver Pills. They will cure costiveness, biliousness, dyspepsia, indigestion, piles, and all disorders that arise from a diseased liver and impure blood. JOHN H. COLLINS & CO., 208 Market St., Phila., Pa

For sale by all druggists at 25c. per box. 9

Abbeville Meridional: Several of our friends propose to take a seashore trip before the month of March is over. The programme is to strike Shell Island, make a stay of two or three days there, then visit Lake Firmin, and coast the bay to Hell Hole, and back up to the Custom House.

You cannot afford to live without a newspaper; get the best, the Times-Democrat of New Orleans—Daily and Weekly. It has the largest circulation.

Alexandria Town Talk: We call the attention of our readers to the semi-annual statement of the Rapides Bank of Alexandria, which appears in this issue. The showing made is one of which we feel proud. Although a great many of our people deposit in New Orleans banks, still we see by the statement of the Rapides Bank that $104,643.17 is due by the bank to its depositors.

The New Orleans Picayune has reduced the yearly subscription price of the Weekly from $1.50 to $1 a year. It is a splendid 16-page paper filled with the best reading matter. Sample copy sent free to any address.

Lives of poor men oft remind us honest toil don't stand a chance; more we work we leave behind us bigger patches on our pants. Our pants once new and glossy now wear patches of different hue; all because subscribers linger and won't pay up what is due. Then let all be up and doing; send in your mite be it so small, for when the snows of winter strike us we shall have no pants at all.—Ex.

Do not delay, but send in your subscription to the Champion Paper of the South, the Times-Democrat of New Orleans—Daily and Weekly—It has the largest circulation.

Get our prices for job work.

In the year 1700 there was but one newspaper in the United States. In 1870 there were 5871; this year there are 16,319, the total for the United States and Cadada being 17,107. In 1870 there were but 14,000 periodicals printed in the whole world. Now, however there are in the United States alone 12,791 weekies, 1908 monthlies and 1581 dailies.

When subscribing for a newspaper get the best, The Times-Democrat of New Orleans—Daily and Weekly. It has the largest circulation.

Proceedings of the Police Jury.

CALLED MEETING.

OPELOUSAS, March 6th, 1890.

Present: E. M. Boagni, President, L. J. Dossman, C. T. Bihm, C. W. Ward, S. Haas and P. Robin.

The President informed the Jury that he had called this meeting at the request of the Governor to take action in assisting the parish of Point Coupee in protecting the Grand and Morganza levees.

That as he deem the matter of importance and in order to obtain the best information on the subject he had attended the meeting of the board of Levee Commissioners, for the 4th Levee district at Port Allen. Had interviewed Hon. Martin Glynn, President of the Police Jury of Point Coupee, and Major Richardson and others posted on the subject of levees.

That he thought the situation serious, and that an appropriation should be made to aid Point Coupee in protecting Grand and Morganza levees, which, should they break, would inundate a part of the parish. But that there were other levees in which the parish was vitally interested, and that he would request and urge the Jury to do all in their power to protect that portion of the parish subject to overflow from another disastrous flood.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ward, the sum of one thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated out of the funds not otherwise appropriated, to repair any levees that may be necessary to protect the parish of St. Landry from overflow.

On motion of S. Haas, a committee of three composed of E. M. Boagni, W. C. Gordon and C. W. Ward, be and are hereby appointed on levees and to use the said amount when in their judgment it is most necessary.

On motion, the Police Jury adjourned until Monday, March 17th, 1890, instead of Monday, March 10th 1890.

Attest: E. M. BOAGNI, President.
H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk.

LICENSES.

HAVING received the necessary blanks for Licenses, State and parish, I am now prepared to issue same to persons or firms who are required by law to obtain them. If not taken out by March 1st, said licenses will be collected by due process of law, with ten per cent penalty added.

All persons peddling or hawking are hereby notified that Act No. 101, of General Assembly of 1886, requires them to take out the necessary licenses for such business—that the officers throughout the State are directed and empowered to cause hawkers and peddlers to exhibit their licenses, and if they fail to produce same, the officers shall retain their stock or merchandise, until said persons produce the necessary licenses.

Section 16 of said Act No. 101 requires firms, associations, corporations and persons, for the purpose of calculating licenses, to make a sworn statement, either in person or by authorized agent or officer; said statement to be made before the Tax-Collector or his Deputy.

T. S. FONTENOT,
Sheriff and Tax-Collector, Parish of St. Landry, La.

Opelousas, La., February 1, 1890-tf.

GRAND

MASQUERADE BALL

BY THE

O. P., L. & D. A.'S ORCHESTRA

St. Joseph's Night,

March 19, 1890.

Admission: Gentlemen, 50c. Ladies free.

☞ All maskers will be required privately to unmask, or give their names, before a committee.

GRAND MARCH

Commences at 8:30 p. m.

Notice of Election.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
OPELOUSAS, March 14, 1890.

THE qualified electors of the town of Opelousas, La., are hereby notified that an election will be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of APRIL, 1890, at the Court House in the town of Opelousas, for the purpose of electing seven property holders of said town to constitute a Board of Police of said town.

The polls shall be opened at 9 o'clock a. m. and closed at 5 o'clock p. m., and shall be superintended by the following commissioners, viz.: C. Mornhinveg, Jr., Edward Lastrapes, and C. B. Andrus.

JNO. M. MORNHINVEG,
President Board Police, Opelousas, La.
March 15, 1890.

Notice.

THE stockholders of the St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association are hereby notified that a meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Court House on Monday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1890, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors.

W. C. PERRAULT, Sec'y. F. W. LEWIS, President.

Notice.

THE stockholders of the St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association are hereby notified that a loan of $1000 will be offered at the office of the Secretary, on Saturday, March 29th, 1890, at 7:30 p. m.

W. C. PERRAULT,
mar15-2t Secretary.

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ATTENTION, VETERANS!

ALL veterans of the late Confederate army are invited to call at my office in the town of Opelousas for the purpose of enrolling their names. This call is made to form a Jeff Davis Post to act with those now forming in neighboring parishes.

E. SUMTER TAYLOR,
Late Capt. Co. F. 8th La. Vols., A. N. Va.
Opelousas, Feb. 8, 1890.

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GUS. E. DUPRE,
Feb tf Opelousas.

LOST OR MISLAID.

A promissory note for three hundred and eighty dollars executed by Henry Goss, marked "No variatur." and made payable to T. C. Chacheré or order twelve months after date and endorsed by him, dated Sept. 30th, 1889. The public is hereby warned not to trade or negotiate for said note, as payment thereof has been stopped. T. C. CHACHERE.
Prud'homme City, March 1, 1890.

Political.

ROOMS REPUBLICAN PARISH EX. COM. OF ST. LANDRY,
Opelousas, March 14, 1890.

The members of the above Committee who signed the application of Mr. Harry Bloch for Postmaster at Opelousas are requested to meet on Saturday, March 22, at 12 m.

By order of N. LASTRAPES, President.
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JUDICIAL NOTICES.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

District Court, Parish of St. Landry No. 14578

Citizens' Bank vs. L. J. Smith, Testamentary Executor, et als.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued out of the District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on *SATURDAY*, the 15th day of March, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain plantation situated in the parish of St. Landry, in this State, measuring twenty arpents front on Bayou Courtableau or Opelousas by forty arpents in depth, bounded on the upper side by the village Washington and on the lower side by another tract in dispute between appearers and others, the said plantation being established and cultivated as a sugar estate, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, a saw mill and all the horses and cattle, carts and implements of husbandry, being the same property mortgaged to the Citizens' Bank by William Offutt et als. by act before T. Seghers, Notary Public, of date the 5th March, 1836, and being same property acquired by Elbert Gantt by act passed on the 16th December, 1869, as appears by proces verbal of sale of that date; and also 277 (two hundred and seventy-seven) shares of capital stock of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana owned by said Elbert Gantt, deceased.

Seized in the above entitled suit.

Terms and Conditions.—In cash to pay and satisfy the sum of $3540.00, amount of stock loan with 10 o|o per annum interest thereon from April 1st, 1875, subject to a credit of $1500.00 paid February 21st, 1880, $500.00 paid July 21st, 1881, and $250.00 paid November 29th, 1881; and to pay the further sum of five thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars, amount of contribution on the said shares of stock, with eight per cent per annum interest on $554.00 thereof from 1st December, 1873, with 8 o|o per annum interest on $138.50 thereof from 1st December, 1876, with 8 o|o per annum interest on $138.50 thereof from 1st December, 1877, with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof from 1st December, 1881; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof from 1st December, 1882; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof since the 1st December, 1883; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof since the 1st December, 1884; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof since 1st December, 1885; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof since 1st December, 1886; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof since since 1st December, 1887; with 8 o|o per annum interest on $554.00 thereof since 1st December, 1888; and costs and charges of suit and of legal proceedings in execution, and the taxes.

The purchaser, besides, to assume the residue of the mortgaged debt not yet due, but liable to be called for under the charter and laws of the bank, to-wit, twenty-one thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars; and to assume also all the obligations of a stockholder of the Citizens' Bank under its charter; and the balance, if any, of the price of adjudication, cash.

T. S. FONTENOT,
February 8, 1890. Sheriff.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5005

ESTATE OF VALERY MAYER, SR.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court in and for the parish of Saint Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator or a duly qualified auctioneer, on the plantation hereinafter described, in Prairie Gros Chevreuil, in St. Landry parish, on *WEDNESDAY*, April 16, 1890, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Valery Mayer, Sr., deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

1. A certain tract of land situated in Prairie Gros Chevreuil, in the parish of St. Landry, containing forty-five arpents, more or less, with buildings and improvements thereon, bounded on the north by A. D. Mayer, east by Lucien Mestric, south by Louis Lalonde, and west by Pierre André.
2. Twelve head of gentle horned cattle.
3. About twenty head of wild cattle.
4. Two creole horses.
5. Two creole mares.
6. One filly.
7. One branding iron figuring thus; F A
8. One lot of household furniture and kitchen utensils.
9. One lot of sheep, about fifty head.

Terms—Cash.

JOSEPH CAMY,
March 15, 1890. Administrator.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4629

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA A. CODDINGTON AND HUSBAND.

Whereas, Maurice Villaseca, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the estate of Laurent Pasquier, and dative testamentary executor of the estate of Cynthia A. Coddington, has filed a tableau of classification of debts and distribution of funds and final account of administration of said estates, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same:

And whereas, notice of filing of said petition and tableau has been ordered by an order of court bearing date March 7, 1890.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. C. M. THOMPSON,
March 8, 1890. Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5007

ESTATE OF FELONISE O. FONTENOT.

Whereas, Jean Pierre Soileau, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Pélonise O. Fontenot, deceased, late of St. Landry parish;

Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment will file the same in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present notice. C. M. THOMPSON,
March 8, 1890. Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5003

ESTATE OF RODA HENRY.

Whereas, Edmond Joubert, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Roda Henry, widow of Elisha Henry, deceased, late of St. Landry parish;

Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment will file the same in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present notice. C. M. THOMPSON,
March 15, 1890. Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5006

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE THOMAS.

Whereas, Alphonse Prud'homme, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Josephine Thomas, deceased, late of St. Landry parish;

Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment will file the same in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present notice. C. M. THOMPSON,
March 15, 1890. Clerk.

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