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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : : : : : MAY 24, 1890.

Our parish jail is now empty.

Ho, for Lake Charles, to-morrow!

All our carpenters and painters appear to be busy.

Mr. S. Jos. Wilson, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is now, we are pleased to learn, steadily improving.

Dr. J. P. Saizan has had neat and commodious rooms fitted up adjoining Posey's drugstore, where he will soon open his office.

Crop reports from all sections of our parish are most favorable—the rice crop in particular being reported in splendid condition, with a largely increased acreage over previous years.

The St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association sold $1000 last Saturday night at 38 per cent premium. Mr. J. O. Chacheré was the successful bidder. Another loan of $1000 will be made next month.

Mr. E. P. Goodwin, of the Democrat, is still suffering intensely, notwithstanding the best medical attention and careful nursing. We regret to be unable to note any change for the better in his distressing condition.

An examination into the circumstances of the killing of C. A. Traweek, the Texas fugitive from justice, by deputy sheriff Wallior, on the 27th ult., held before District Judge Lewis on the 19th inst., resulted in the exoneration of the deputy.

The quarters of the First National Bank of Opelousas, near the COURIER office, are being elegantly fitted up and will be occupied in a few days. The bank has been transacting its business all along at its temporary quarters at J. Meyers & Co.'s.

Mr. E. A. Bodemuller has had his elegant tonsorial parlor repainted and repapered, and is now better prepared than ever to accommodate his numerous patrons with a clean shave, artistic hair cut or refreshing shampoo, in "the highest style of the art."

We were favored with a call this week from Mr. H. C. Castellanos, of New Iberia, late of New Orleans, where he long occupied a leading position at the bar. Mr. Castellanos will practice his profession in a wide extent of country, as will be seen by his card published in another column.

In the case of Rost Guillory, convicted of an assault with intent to kill, at the last criminal term of our District Court, when he was indicted for murder, the Supreme Court reversed the decision and granted the accused a new trial. He had been sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and be confined six months in the parish jail, but pending the appeal was residing at Lake Charles.

Any one interested in the sick-benefit, funeral-aid, and death-beneficiary associations of the United States can help make the statistics of their organizations for the forthcoming census more complete and disseminate the knowledge of the good work they are doing by sending the names of such societies as they may know of, and the address of their principal officers, to Mr. Charles A. Jenney, Special Agent of the Eleventh Census, 58 William street, New York City.

The Young Men's Athletic Club was organized on Thursday night by the election of B. F. Meginley, President; Chas. F. Garland, Vice President; H. A. Irion, Corresponding Secretary; Lucius G. Dupré, Recording Secretary; Toledano A. Wallior, Financial Secretary; A. J. Bercier, Treasurer. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and 30 members paid their initiation fee of $2.50. The initiation fee was then raised to $5.00. Committees on site and outfit were given further time to report.

An excursion from Washington to Lake Charles takes place to-morrow, the train passing here at 6:45 a. m. and returning at about 10:20 p. m. Fare from Washington, Opelousas and Grand Coteau, $2.50. The train will arrive at Lake Charles at 10:53 a. m. and leave at 6 p. m. The excursion is given by our friends of the Corona Brass Band, who will enliven the trip with some of their best selections, and a hospitable reception at the hands of our Lake Charles neighbors awaits all who attend. We return thanks for a complimentary ticket which we shall take pleasure in using.

Capt. L. A. Black, of the well known firm of Black & Morris, insurance agents, and a member of our Town Council, died last Monday evening after a long and painful illness in the 63d year of his age. He was a leading elder in the Presbyterian church, was kind, upright and just in all his dealings with his fellow-men, and was held in high esteem by all classes in our community. During the late war Capt. Black served as captain in an Arkansas cavalry regiment under Gen. N. B. Forrest and assisted that gallant officer in the capture of Fort Pillow, a feat in which he always took much pride. He was a member of Opelousas Council No. 468, A. L. of H., and held a benefit certificate of that worthy organization for $2,000. The members of his Council and of kindred organizations—the Knights of Honor and A. O. of U. W.—and the members of the Town Council attended his funeral in a body. The interment took place in the Public Cemetery, and the funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. Mr. Frazier, of Lake Charles.

A Stanley Book worthy the Name

One of the most entertaining books published for many a day is "Heroes of the Dark Continent" and Complete Picturesque Africa, embracing the history of Africa and its people for more than one thousand years, illustrated with 500 scenes, colored plates, and numerous maps. Also, including the complete life of Henry M. Stanley and all his famous explorations and discoveries, including his last and grandest expedition for the relief of Emin Pasha. The entire work is issued in one large and beautiful volume of 576 quarto pages, equal to 1200 octavo pages, at the low price of only $3.00. The book is having an enormous circulation, over 200,000 copies having been sold the first seven weeks. It appears to be making a profound impression upon the Christian world, judging by the hearty encomiums bestowed upon it by the editor of the *Canada Methodist* and other distinguished persons. The publishers are responsible and well-reported by the Commercial Agencies of Dun and Bradstreet. This is evidently an unusually favorable opportunity for persons desiring a rapidly paying agency. See advertisement in another column.

Phœnix Hook & Ladder Co. of Lake Charles will give an excursion to Opelousas on Sunday, the 8th of June, and a large number of our Calcasieu friends will doubtless take advantage of the low rates to pay us a visit. Hope Hook & Ladder Co. and Steam Fire Co., of our town, have held meetings and made arrangements for a suitable reception of their Lake Charles comrades and their guests, and all who come may be assured of a cordial greeting and hospitable entertainment. We do not often have the privilege of entertaining our neighbors who dwell north, south and west of us, but when they do come it is eminently right and proper that we should endeavor by every means in our power to make their stay pleasant, so that they may carry away with them none but the most pleasurable recollections of our pretty town and its hospitable people.

Personal.

Misses Eunice and Berta Pharr of New Iberia are spending some time with friends in town.

Dr. E. S. Barry and lady, of Grand Coteau, were in town in the latter part of last week.

Mr. R. Zernott and Dr. L. Todd, Jr., of Washington, paid us a visit last Saturday.

Mr. J. T. Skipper returned on Tuesday from a trip to Lake Charles.

Mr. Morton E. Duson spent several days in Crowley during the early part of the week.

Mr. Geo. Wright of Crowley, after a pleasant stay of several days in our town returned home on Sunday.

Miss Jennie Jackson, of Cheneyville, is visiting relatives here.

Messrs Edward and Albert Estorge are here on a visit.

Messrs M. E. Schmit, Jake Ehrhardt, Leon Wolff and Mayor Flynn of Washington were in town on Thursday.

Dr. Eugene Chacheré left on Tuesday for Algiers, where he will permanently reside.

Dr. J. P. Saizan left on Friday last for a business trip to New Orleans.

Our young friend Fritz L. Sandoz was one of the few successful applicants for admission to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, last Monday, having creditably passed all the searching mental examinations as well as the physical examination, and entered the great national school the next day. We reproduce the following from the N. O. Picayune:

From a private dispatch received last evening it is learned that Mr. F. L. Sandoz of Opelousas passed a very creditable examination and was admitted into the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., yesterday. Mr. Sandoz was appointed in April last by the Hon. S. M. Robertson of the Sixth district. He is the son of Walton A. Sandoz of Opelousas, and a grandson of Joel H. Sandoz, the founder and until his death editor of the Opelousas Courier—his uncles, L. and L. A. Sandoz, being at present editors of that paper. Mr. Sandoz is 18 years of age, of fine personal appearance, a diligent student, and will no doubt reflect credit by his future career on his native state. With the exception of a year at Canfield College, Ohio, he has received his education at St. Mary's Academy, Opelousas, under the care of Rev. J. F. Raymond and Prof. H. G. Lewis.

The Lafayette Advertiser says that the meeting of the Attakapas Medical Association held recently at New Iberia was largely attended and some matters of great interest were discussed. The care of the insane and the urgent need of increased accommodations for this unfortunate class of persons was the subject of a very spirited paper by Dr. Burgess, of New Iberia. A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the State Medical Society, to urge upon our legislators the necessity of establishing a suitable and commodious asylum at some convenient point in Southwest Louisiana.

The next meeting will be held at Opelousas on the 1st Tuesday of December.

No organizations in the United States have multiplied more rapidly in the past ten years than the sick-benefit, funeral-aid, death-benefit, and other kindred societies. As they are generally confined to those who are in the humbler walks of life, the good they have done is incalculable, carrying substantial aid to thousands of stricken families and inspiring those who are fortunate enough in being members with a courage which might not exist in their hearts without them.

The members of these organizations will be glad to learn that the Hon. Robt P. Porter, Superintendent of the Eleventh Census, will endeavor to secure the statistics of the noble work these associations are doing, and it is safe to say that no other branch of the census will be more interesting. The business of gathering the data has been placed in charge of Mr. Charles A. Jenney, Special Agent of the Insurance Division, 58 William street, New York City, and all associations throughout the United States, whether incorporated or private, should assist by sending to him the address of their principal officers.

An Important Matter.

DeSoto Democrat.

The legislature is now in session and the paramount question is whether or not the members will have the moral courage to submit an amendment establishing an educational qualification for voters and relieve the State from the constant menace of being Africanized or Mahonéized.

Thousands of negroes are being imported into the State from the Carolinas and our danger thereby increased daily. The people of Mississippi regarded the situation as so serious that they called a constitutional convention. It is no sufficient answer to say that the election machinery is in the hands of the white people and we can count them out. This could be justified only upon the plea of dire necessity, and the moment it is in our power to do away with that necessity it is our duty to do it. Besides, if the federal election law is passed, which is now virtually conceded, we will not have all of the election machinery in our hands. The people of the South and the Democratic party have been too much on the defensive for twenty years and have received no credit for it. If they had possessed a little of the audacity and courage of the Republican party, an educational qualification would have been adopted as soon as they got in possession of the State governments and the negro in politics would now have been a thing of the past. The negro cannot vote in Massachusetts unless he can read the constitution and write his name, and why pray tell us may we not require the same of him here. See Const. Mass. Am'd. Art. 20.

If it was adopted in this state it would leave twenty five thousand negro voters who can read and write against one hundred thousand white voters who can read and write and give a white majority of legal voters in every parish in the state. Our party has been saying for twenty years that the negro is unfit for politics, that it interferes with his usefulness as a laborer and renders him the dupe of every designing demagogue, and now that it is in our power to practically eliminate him without practicing fraud or bulldozing and without reducing our representation in the electoral college or in congress, will the legislature by submitting an amendment permit us to do it? A long suffering people awaits with anxiety their reply.

Rev. J. T. Barrett, Cor. Sec'y of the State Board, will hold services at the Baptist church, at 8 o'clock, p. m., every evening during the coming week, beginning on Saturday, May 24th. The public are cordially invited to attend.

The State Normal School at Natchitoches will hold its Commencement Exercises for 1889-90, commencing Sunday, May 25th, and closing Wednesday, May 28th. All friends of education are cordially invited to attend.

The Hamilton Cultivator is a new candidate for public favor in this parish, and as it is one of the most perfect agricultural implements now on the market cannot fail to prove popular with all progressive farmers. This admirable labor-saving implement is for sale by J. Meyers & Co., who will have the machines operated and tested for the benefit of any who may be interested in their workings.

Rats.

A writer in the Southern Cultivator says some three weeks since, Mr. James Newell, a neighbor of mine, in reply to my question, said: If you will take a jar or pot, put it in your cornerib, fill it within four or five inches of the top, with water, put a double handful of cotton seed on top of the water, and pile the corn around so that the rats can easily reach the top, you will catch every rat that passes by; the rats will jump on the cotton seed. The next day I tried the experiment, and three days after had my jar examined, and the servant pulled out thirty-one drowned rats. In sixteen days I had ninety-two rats. Newell says that rats never hurt his corn. I have repeated the story to several, and all who have tried it, have been successful. The best place to set your jar is by the side or wall of the crib. To those who are troubled with rats should try it.

Finest lot of fancy candies, always fresh, at C. Dietlein's.

Just received, a large lot of gentlemen's summer silk scarfs, bought at a bankrupt sale, which we offer at 10 and 25 cents, worth 40 and 50 cents.

J. MEYERS & Co.

Don't be a clam—Advertise.

We print anything from a full sheet poster to a visiting card, in the latest artistic style, at moderate prices.

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

By paying five cents daily for the Times-Democrat, it will cost $18.25 a year. We have made arrangements to give the Daily Times-Democrat with the COURIER for $12.00 a year. Just note the saving.

Latest styles of invitation cards and envelopes, ball programmes, wedding cards, &c., just received. All orders filled at bottom prices with neatness and dispatch.

Blank forms for use of merchants, notaries, Justices of the Peace, etc., for sale at this office.

Have your job printing executed at the COURIER office. Keep your money at home and patronize a home institution.

Always price Bloch's goods before you buy elsewhere.

A Reply to Judge Lewis' Open Letter.

In answer to an open letter to Senator Duson written by Judge Lewis and published in the last issue of the St. Landry Democrat, the Senator writes as follows to that paper:

BATON ROUGE, LA., May 20, 1890.

Editor St. Landry Democrat:

Answering a letter I see published in your issue of last Saturday, signed by Judge Lewis, I will here state as I have publicly stated on several occasions, that Mr. Lewis did recommend Harry Bloch, a colored man, for the position of postmaster at Opelousas, a position now held by the widow of Judge Adolphe Bailey, who was appointed by Mr. Cleveland some four years ago. In making this recommendation he used the following language:

[Copy.]

OPELOUSAS, LA., May 31st, 1889.

To whom it may concern:

By request of Harry Bloch I write this letter in behalf of his pending application for the position of Post Master at Opelousas. Among republicans at this place, if one is to be appointed I cheerfully add my recommendation to that of others who may have requested his appointment. I see no reason why he would not give as much satisfaction, if not more than any other republican here, for he is popular in his own party, and stands well among democrats whose personal esteem and friendship he enjoys to a large extent. He is polite and attentive to his business as an employee in a large mercantile firm here, and has, I think, given entire satisfaction to his employers with whom he has been engaged for the past two years. I have known him all his life and believe him to be trustworthy, not only as a republican but as a citizen and as a personal friend.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. LEWIS,

Judge 13th Judicial District, La.

The public can judge for itself who he wanted to be postmaster at Opelousas, if he meant what he said in this letter. The above words in the handwriting of Mr. Lewis were read by me and copied from the original in the city of Washington in February last. Neither can he, nor can the four witnesses referred to by him, deny that the above words — *every one of them* — were written by himself in recommending this man for this position without uttering an unmitigated *falsehood*. Senator Eustis, Hon. S. M. Robertson and other reputable gentlemen who saw this letter on file can verify what I state.

Respectfully, C. C. DUSON.

MILLINERY.—*Ladies' Trimmed Hats.*—Remember that J. Meyers & Co. are the pioneers in low priced trimmed hats. They have again secured a large lot of stylish hats and are selling them at still lower prices to make room for fresh stock constantly arriving.

Their 25 cents hats will sell anywhere at 75 cents, while their 50 and 75 cents hats are worth fully from one to two dollars.

They have just received a lot of finest ladies' hats worth $6 and $8 which they are selling out rapidly at prices from $2.50 to $3.50.

The Board of Trade has issued invitations to all the other commercial bodies to join in a general conference on the subject of advocating before the approaching session of the Legislature the enactment of a State railroad commission law. This is a timely suggestion, and if the business people are not convested in the matter than any other class, with the exception possibly of the farmers, it seems proper that the Exchanges representing their interests should confer together so that united action may be secured in the premises.

It is not desired to antagonize or injure the railroads, but at the same time it is intended to favor such a law as will put it out of the power of the railroad corporations doing business in the State to discriminate against the interests of our chief commercial center, namely, New Orleans.

The workings of the interstate commerce law have been of great assistance to our merchants in effecting the abandonment of discrimination of long standing and as a consequence the law is in great favor with them, but it has been clearly demonstrated that to make the system thoroughly effective some means must be found of placing railroads under the same wholesome restraints within the borders of the State with regard to purely local traffic, as they are placed by the general law with regard to interstate business.

The railroads will naturally resist all efforts to establish a State railroad commission, because, like all corporations, or even individuals for that matter, they are loth to give up any point of vantage. Under existing circumstances, with a strict general law and with rigid local laws in Mississippi and Texas, the railroads are only too apt to recoup their real or imaginary losses by high local rates in Louisiana, where there is no State law to interfere.

A State railroad commission, backed by a wise and conservative law, would promptly correct such abuses, as well as procure for our people the improvements and safeguards that the people of other States enjoy.

Thus the laws of Mississippi have secured separate and distinct accommodations for blacks and whites, besides other improvements in the general accommodations afforded the traveling public.

Here in New Orleans we are forced to submit to the existence of depots for passengers that would be considered disgraceful in a town of one-tenth the population in any other part of the country.

A conference of all the commercial bodies at this time would therefore be timely and would insure such united action on the part of all interests as would go far to insure the passage of a much needed railroad law and the appointment of a State railroad commission.—Picayune.

I make a specialty of soda and fancy crackers. My stock is always fresh.

C. DIETLEIN.

FOR RENT.—A fine business stand on Main street, at $10 a month. Apply at once at this office.

An Open Letter

To G. T. Hawkins, Secretary of the Farmers' Alliance of St. Landry.

BATON ROUGE, LA., May 19, 1890.

Mr. G. T Hawkins, Sec'y. Farmers' Alliance, Parish of St. Landry, La.

My dear Sir: I am in receipt of the resolutions adopted by your honorable body and forwarded to me at this place. Whilst I am always willing to have my people advise me upon the course I ought to pursue in a matter of such importance, yet, there are cases in which I propose to exercise my individual judgment rather than adopt their advice, and do what I consider is for their best interests. Particularly is this so in the instant case. There are, in my opinion, many good and valid reasons which prompt me so to do; but, as I could hardly state them more concisely and intelligently than is done in the subjoined letter published in the *States* of the 8th inst. (all of which I endorse), I commend it for your perusal, and ask of you to give it your careful consideration. Even if a majority of the voters of my parish were known to me to be opposed to this measure, I would still insist upon their right and the right of their neighbors and the right of all voters of this and other parishes to vote for or against the amendment, and upon the duty on my part to submit it for their consideration, their vote and their final decision.

With best wishes for the success of your order, I remain,

Yours truly,

GILBERT L. DUPRE.

LEAVE IT TO THE PEOPLE.

The constitution of this State prohibits all lotteries after the last day in December, 1891. The Lottery Company, desiring to prolong their charter, offer to pay the State a million dollars a year for the period of twenty-five years for such extended franchise. They are now paying under their contract with the State fifty thousand dollars per annum. This contract is recognized and ratified in article 167 of the constitution, which likewise fixes the termination of the contract by prohibiting all lotteries.

This prohibition can be removed only by an amendment to the constitution which requires proposition by the General Assembly and confirmation by the people at the next general election, which will be held in April, 1892. It is probable that a bill involving such amendment will be submitted at the coming session of the legislature. This will, no doubt, give rise to much discussion covering the whole range of matters connected with lotteries, their tendencies and effects, their public opinion at home and abroad, and their social, political and economic bearings in their widest scope.

Yet, I apprehend that the only question with each senator and representative will be whether it is his duty to leave the whole matter to the people to decide by their votes for or against the amendment, or to refuse to give them that privilege. Here is an offer of a million of dollars a year to the State, for schools, levees and charities, or for whatever else a government may require; shall he give the people a chance to say whether they will accept it or reject it, or shall he take all the responsibility to himself and tell his constituents that they shall not have a chance to decide the question for themselves? He may have better opportunities for acquiring information than the people, who have chosen him as their agent, but he need not assume to know what they want better than they do themselves, in a matter of such enormous importance. He may have settled opinions on matters relating to public morals, but he need not act on the presumption that the people are any less moral than himself. A proposition is offered to take off a large part of the load of taxes:—shall not the taxpayers have a chance to say whether they will accept it or not? An offer is made that will secure good schools for twice the annual period that they are now open:—shall the parents, mostly poor, have a chance to say whether they are in favor of accepting the offer or not? Shall the people who live behind levees and depend upon their being well maintained for subsistence and protection, have a chance to accept or refuse two or three hundred thousand dollars a year as help to keep up these bulwalks against the ruthless floods of the Mississippi? A munificent offer is made that will relieve the unfortunate and build up our overcrowded institutions of charity—will the legislature deny to the people the chance to say whether they may take the offer or reject it? This offer is one that would have immeasurable effect upon the State's financial stability and credit—cannot those who value the State's solvency and integrity, have a chance to accept it if they so desire? Will the general assembly assume the authority and the responsibility to reject this offer finally or will they leave the decision to the people?

If a member were to vote for a bill proposing an amendment to the constitution, which would extend the lottery charter on the proposed terms, he would still be at liberty to oppose it before the people and could do so with consistency. To propose an amendment on which the people in 1892 can vote yea or nay is not saying that they ought to accept or reject it: it is only giving the people, who are all interested a chance to say what they think about it. Many would vote against it, no doubt. Public opinion is not settled on the matter. Many who do not favor lotteries in the abstract, are yet not prepared to reject so large a tangible, certain and regular accession to the State's resources. All would like to say by their votes, what they think about it.

Let the general assembly submit the question in such terms, that the people can decide. The constitution teaches the manner in which amendments are to be made. Let it be borne in mind that proposing the amendment is the exclusive business of the legislature, while its acceptance, or rejection is the exclusive business of the sovereign people; the proposition of an amendment is barely a recognition of the right of the people to decide upon it, while it is in no way a declaration for or against it.

It is not a party question, and it may therefore be made a subject of discussion before the people without detriment to candidates and without entanglement with other issues. It seems best that it should be submitted thus entirely distinct and separate from all other questions, instead of being submitted by some future constitutional convention as part of a new constitution. If presented separately as an amendment, its adoption, or defeat will dispose of it definitively. E. W. HALSEY.

A Card.

OPELOUSAS, LA., May 20th, 1890.

At the meeting of the Opelousas Lodge K. of H., No. 3497, the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

Whereas, our esteemed friend and brother F. W. Lewis, having removed from our midst and having thereby been under the necessity of resigning the responsible position of Dictator which he so ably and conscientiously filled in our lodge.

Resolved, that our lodge has experienced a great and irreparable loss in the withdrawal of our beloved brother, and that he carries with him the profoundest respect and esteem of this lodge, and the appreciation of each and every member for his earnest efforts to promote the interests and good of our order.

Resolved further, that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this lodge, and that a copy of same be forwarded to brother F. W. Lewis.

V. K. IRION, C. W. DUROY, T. S. FONTENOT, } Committee.

Items of Interest.

A Fair and Race Course Association has been regularly organized at Lafayette with R. C. Landry as President.

Attention! If you desire a fine head of hair of a natural hue and free from dandruff, Hall's Hair Renewer is the best and safest preparation to accomplish it.

The official enumeration for the United States census will begin simultaneously in every State in the Union on the 2d of June.

Ayer's Pills are invaluable for the cure of Headache, Constipation, Stomach and Liver troubles, and all derangements of the digestive and assimilative organs. These Pills are sugar-coated, safe and pleasant to take, always reliable, and retain their virtues in any climate.

The grand reunion of the Blue and Gray will take place at Vicksburg on the 25th of May and last until the 30th. A "great time" is anticipated.

Jos. Lasalle the grocer desires us to publish the following testimonial as he handles the remedy and believes it to be reliable.

I bought a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and applied it to my limbs, which have been afflicted with rheumatism at intervals for one year. At the time I bought the Pain Balm I was unable to walk. I can truthfully say that Pain Balm has completely cured me. R. H. Farr, Holywood Kan. Mr. A. B. Cox, the leading druggist at Holywood, vouches for the truth of the above statement.

Be sure you are just and understand all underlying motives before condemning the actions of others. Be certain that your own shield is spotless and that your own record will bear microscopic scrutiny before casting cruel stones at another's good name.

In almost every neighborhood throughout the west there are some one or more persons whose lives have been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or who have been cured of chronic diarrhœa by it. Such persons take especial pleasure in recommending the Remedy to others. The praise that follows its introduction and use makes it very popular. 25 and 50 cents bottles for sale by J. Lassalle and all merchants.

The levee convention recently held at Vicksburg was largely attended by representatives from seven States. The convention opposed the outlet theory and was in favor of the levee system and of the National Government taking control of the same, strengthening and maintaining it.

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.

A lunatic asylum near Montreal, Canada, was entirely consumed by fire on the 6th. It contained about 1300 inmates, of whom more than 100 perished, all women. Seven nuns perished while heroically engaged in rescuing the unfortunates. The Sisters of Providence spent in founding and organizing this institution $1,132,200.

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.

Slander has a thousand tongues—Truth has but one. How like a grand brotherhood all mankind would be if with every rising sun we laid to heart for the day's acting that beautiful maxim laid down to us through the centuries, a blessed inheritance: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

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. WITHE.

Some of the Grand Army boys may be interested in the following from Alex. B. Pope, A. D. C., Commander, Dep't. Tenn. and Ga. He says: "We have had an epidemic of whooping cough here, (Stewart, Tenn.,) and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been the only medicine that has done any good." There is no danger from whooping cough, when this remedy is freely given. It completely controls the disease. 50 cent bottles for sale by J. Lasalle and all merchants.

Dr. Davis' Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry and Tar has made a name and record in the past fifty years that is enviable. Thousands of people having tried it for coughs, colds, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis and consumption know its value, and would not be without it. Why? Because it cures where other remedies fail. We recommend it for children subject to croup and whooping-cough. It will give relief and cause speedy cure. The medical profession recognize it, and physicians frequently prescribe it for lung troubles. These facts have pushed Davis' Wild Cherry and Tar to the front rank. It is the best remedy for coughs, colds, all throat and lung affections, and no family should be without it. One dollar bottles hold two and a half times as much as a 50c. bottle. 1

The Pulpit and the Stage

Rev. F. M. Shrout, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My Lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight."

Arthur Love, Manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption beats 'em all and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at F. E. Bailey's Drug Store. Regular sizes 50c. and $1.00 3

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DIED—At his residence, in Opelousas, May 19, 1890, LAWSON A. BLACK, aged 62 years, 9 months and 6 days.

JUDICIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5616

ESTATE OF PAULINA GUILLORY.

Whereas, J. J. Landreneau, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Paulina Guillory, 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, Clerk.

May 17, 1890.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, New Orleans La., April 17, 1890.—Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Judge or in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court, at Opelousas, La., on Saturday, June 21st, 1890, viz:

Louis Olin Fontenot,

who made Homestead Entry No. 7837 for the S E ¼ of S E ¼, W ½ of S E ¼, and S E ¼ of S W ¼ Sec. 30, Tp 3, S R 1 W, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Robert Delafosse, Oneal Doga, Neville Doga, William O. Johnston, all of St. Landry parish, Louisiana.

THOMAS J. BUTLER, Register.

April 26, 1890-6t.

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Opelousas, May 10, 1890. 1m

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may3-5t YVES VIDRINE.

NOTICE

IS hereby given that a bill will be introduced in the General Assembly at its next session to pay to the publishers of the Opelousas Courier the amount of the warrant issued to them for publishing the Constitutional Amendments in 1878. April 19, 1890.

NOTICE.

THE Stockholders of the St. Landry Homestead & Loan Association are hereby notified that the office of the Secretary will be open for the transaction of business of the Association every Saturday from 2 o'clock to 7:30 o'clock p m. W. C. PERRAULT,

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