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Copy intended for publication in our columns should reach us not later than Wednesday morning.

Ice cream at Mrs. Perrault's saloon.

Thanks to Senator J. B. Eustis for valuable public documents.

There are one or more expeditions to Darbonne on the tapis, for the near future.

The Police Jury met last Monday. The full proceedings (official) will be found in another column.

An iron fence is to be erected around the court-house yard at New Iberia. That's what we want in Opelousas.

We had a refreshing shower of rain last Monday evening, which laid the dust and benefited our gardens and growing crops.

Our city fathers have contracted to have the corporation supplied with fifty street lamps, which are to be kept burning until one o'clock a. m. every night, except moonlight nights. Good. Now let us have public school houses, and it will not be very long before we will be reaching out for street cars.

Two horses attached to a bus from Washington took flight last Thursday morning while in front of the Court house running into a big hitched in front of Leassier's store, and continued their run until they were brought to a stand still by getting the wheels of the vehicle caught in the Catholic church yard gate. No serious damage done.

Major B. Bloomfield, deputy clerk of the U. S. Courts, informs us that the June term of the U. S. Circuit and the U. S. District Courts for the western Districts of Louisiana will begin at Opelousas on Monday, June 1st, and on Monday, June 8th. Judge Boatman will be here. The members of the bar and others interested will govern themselves accordingly.

We are indebted to Mr. C. Settoon, the courteous and efficient agent of the Southern Pacific Co., here, for the following statement of produce shipped from Opelousas from September 1st, 1890, to March 31st, 1891:

Bales of cotton3135
Sacks of rice22094
Car loads of cotton seed150
Bundles of green hides1200
dry110.

A WARNING.—Having learned that certain threats have been made against a witness, Martin Comeau, colored, whose testimony was corroborated by Mr. Damon Durio in the matter of the suit entitled Etienneite Bollandier vs. Theodore Deville, notice is hereby given that I will not attend said witness if he is injured, and warn all persons interested against the consequences of their unlawful designs.

J. B. COMEAU.

The engine, boiler, pump and other apparatus for operating the artesian well, were tested last Monday evening, and found to work satisfactorily. Tuesday morning the work was begun, and about 100 feet of piping were sunk that day. About 10 or 11 feet were sunk Wednesday, as a strata of tenacious porous clay was reached at 100 feet in depth through which the boring is both slow and tedious. Thursday's work amounted to about 32 feet sunk.

The glove fight between Owen Harney and Jas. Glass last Sunday was a hotly contested match lasting one hour and twenty minutes, in which Harney was knocked out in the 20th round. Both men showed undoubted pluck and considerable skill, but it was evident from the start that Glass had the advantage in weight and perhaps in training and development. Both men were considerably punished—the victor apparently being the worst used up of the two.

It is not astonishing that wild and exaggerated rumors should be in circulation abroad about the small pox in our vicinity, when some very misleading rumors are almost constantly circulating on our own streets. A few days ago it was reported "all over town" that a case of small pox was discovered near the Market. The case was examined by acting parish physician, Jas. O. Ray, and town physician, M. D. Lewis, who both agreed that it was not small pox.

The excursion from Lake Charles to our town last Sunday did not bring as many people here as had been expected, owing doubtless to the exaggerated rumors of small pox in our midst, when in fact there were no cases of the disease in town, and only two cases removed miles from Opelousas. The number of excursionists however, was sufficiently large to enjoy the various entertainments provided for their benefit to the fullest extent, and we are pleased to note our visitors appeared to be highly pleased with their reception—the visiting droschen in particular being lavish in their expressions of satisfaction for the courtesies extended by our citizens in general, and our Fire Department in particular. Many familiar faces, former residents of Opelousas, but now citizens of the Lake City, improved the opportunity to visit their native health, and renew old acquaintances, and altogether we venture to say our visitors were more than pleased with their short stay in Opelousas.

"Firing The Southern Heart."

We invite special attention to an article to be found in our columns of this issue, with the above caption. It is worthy of careful perusal, and mature consideration. It is the production of one of the ablest of Louisiana editors, who, for years, has been the honored head of the Democratic organization, and whose standing as a gentleman in all respects, cannot and dare not be drawn in question, by even the most inflated of the Purists opposing the Lottery amendment.

The article expresses our views to a dot, and we fail to appreciate any others.

The Democratic party is one of declared principles—principles, which have survived every convulsion, and which must continue to do so, for the reason that they are based on, and fearlessly assert the inalienable rights of man. If among those rights, any one, be more sacred, and therefore conspicuous, than another, under our form of government, it is that which declares the freedom of opinion, and of the ballot.

Much has been said first and last about what will be done to prevent the adoption of the Revenue amendment. Violence has been mentioned among other means—convulsion has been mentioned—epithets have been lavishly indulged in. Morality has been made a convenient pretext, and that too, by many who get drunk as often as others, who play cards, and violate the Sabbath without the faintest squint of conscience.

All this must cease or result in consequences more than seem to be anticipated—votes must be left free. As we have formerly stated in this paper, the simple question before the voters is, will they vote for or against the amendment?

The amendment proposition concerns no political organization as such. It is neither Democratic nor anti-democratic, neither Republican nor anti-Republican, neither an Alliance nor anti-Alliance measure—but is one of general necessity—of financial expediency. It has nothing whatever to do with individual morality, and therefore cannot affect State morals. Every ticket will, under the law, have printed upon it, the alternative of voting for or against the adoption of the Amendment, and the voter will vote for or against any candidate for any office in the State without voting for or against the Amendment. No officer can, when elected, have anything whatever to do with the Lottery question. If the people vote it down, it necessarily must stay down, and if they adopt it, no officer can possibly touch or control it. General Justice tremble, in the article we direct attention to, placed the whole matter plainly before the reading public, and there is no mistake about the correctness of his view.

Every effort has been made to inject into the issue, with the elements of parties, and those who are engaged in the work, modestly assume that they are par excellence the infallible exponents. They would have all others take their word for it, and in doing so abandon all thought for themselves. In some instances they have become the old man of the sea, who has ridden his party until it refuses to be ridden any further.

As time passes we propose to say more on the subject.

Personal.

Dr. V. K. Itron, P. S. D. K. of H., left for New Orleans last Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the United States K. of H.

Y. D. D. D. Esq., of Elba, was in town this week.

Henry L. Garland, Esq., departed last Monday on a trip for the summer. Mrs. Garland accompanies the captain on his travels.

Among the Washingtonians in town this week were Messrs W. A. Flynn, Chas. Antonio, Leon Wolff, R. Zernott, Phil. Jackson, Lucien Dupre.

Capt. Sam. Haas, of Bayou Chicot, was here several days this week on business.

Mrs. Dr. C. A. Gaudet is on a visit here, the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alexis Sandoz.

Col. Mark Lazarus, of Ville Plate, has been in town several days this week.

The Louisiana Educator is the name of a new magazine that has just been launched on the literary sea by T. Sam. J. Jones, of Baton Rouge, who will be its managing editor and proprietor. It will be issued monthly at the low subscription price of \$1 a year. Its lists of editors and contributors includes the names of some of the best known and most brilliant writers in the State, and its initial number gives evidence of such ability and interest as will soon place it in the front ranks of periodicals of the kind. In its salutary, Mr. Jones says:

"While remaining true and loyal to Southern sentiments and traditions, and faithfully preserving the truth of Southern character and history, we shall oppose all sectional bitterness and endeavor to encourage that broad and liberal spirit that seeks to place the South on that high plane of universal education where progress and intelligence are the only standards of excellence."

The sixth annual meeting of the State Dental Society was held here this week, commencing Tuesday and closing Wednesday night, after an instructive and interesting session.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. G. Freidrich; 1st vice-president, C. R. Catz; 2d vice-president, A. J. Berlier; corresponding secretary, J. G. McCulloch; treasurer, J. W. Adams. Board of Dental Examiners: Jos. Bauer, Geo. J. Freidrich, M. Viet, Chas. Eckhardt and C. B. Johnson.

The Association meets in New Orleans in 1892 the Wednesday following Mardi Gras.

Ice cream and cakes at Mrs. Perrault's.

General Notes.

The Louisiana Press Association will hold their next annual convention in Ruston, May 25.

There are now the names of 522 inmates enrolled on the books of the State Insane Asylum.

John L. Sullivan has given \$200 to the fund to erect a monument to the late Chief Henessey.

Bismarck is victor. He was elected to the Reichstag last week by 5900 majority.

Ex-Secretary of State Will A. Strong has been sentenced to six months imprisonment in the penitentiary and fined \$420.

Over 9000 crates of strawberries have been shipped from Hammond this season up to date. At \$2.50 per crate, this would net the comfortable sum of \$22,500.

The Abbeville and Franklin railroad and the Cofery Central Sugar Factory have formed a consolidation, and the construction of the road commenced at Franklin on Monday.

The biggest orange tree in the State is located in Terrebonne parish. The Home Courier claims that it is 15 feet in circumference and 50 feet high. The yield this year is expected to reach 10,000 oranges.

Jim Hill, the negro apprentice of Ben Hur Harrison to the Vicksburg postmaster, has wisely concluded to run the office by proxy and has appointed Capt. W. C. Rann as chief assistant.

It was a Dakota editor who wrote: "The price of this paper is not increased by the McKinley bill, but we wish to correct the misapprehension of some subscribers who appear to think it was placed on the free list."

A poor farm was established in Natchitoches parish, a year ago and the Review says it is a decided success, about one-half of the papers going to work for themselves rather than go on the farm.

Lake Concordia levee at Ferriday's gave way on the 8th and no attempt has been made to close it. The break is 80 feet. Several plantations are submerged and trains on the New Orleans and Northwestern are suspended.

A cabin on Mrs. E. I. Babin's place, near Franklinton, occupied by Clothilde Brown, colored, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning. Her fifteen-month-old child, which had been left alone in the building, perished in the flames. This makes six negro children that have burned to death in this parish within the past eighteen months.—Times-Democrat.

N. O. States: The States has time and again charged that the Anti-Lottery bill was a distinctly Republican measure; that it was a Republican measure drafted under the auspices of the President, and the Postmaster General and urged upon the Republican majority of Congress with all the influence of the administration.

Monroe Telegraph-Bulletin: The report of the New Orleans grand jury disclosed a fearfully corrupt state of affairs in that city and there is no wonder now that the Hennessy assassins were not convicted. Evidence was obtained showing beyond doubt that at least three of the jurymen were bribed, that officers of the court were tampered with and that Detective O'Malley and Councilor Lionel Adams were in league in thwarting the ends of justice not only in the Hennessy but many other cases.

Last Thursday night Mr. W. S. Whitman, of Lake Charles, heard some one trying to break into his house. Seizing his pistol he went to the door, and on opening it was struck over the eye and knocked down by a burly negro, who then ran off. His son, Sam Whitman, and a young man named Lee McNichols, a boarder, hearing the disturbance rushed out to capture the intruder. Mr. Whitman, seeing two figures running and on account of the darkness supposing them to be his assassins, fired at each, dangerously wounding McNichols, and mortally wounding his son, Sam Whitman.

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He died from the effects of his wound. He was only seven years old, and was an exceptionally steady young man. McNichols is a native of Washington, and his relatives reside.

The accomplished editor of the Baton Rouge Advocate is not only "well up" in profane history but seems to have dabbled somewhat in scriptural lore. In reference to the battle-cry the New Delta sent forth throughout the land over a double-headed leader the day after the Supreme Court decision, he comments thus: "We are rather surprised that the New Delta selected so unfortunate a text of scripture as the rallying cry of its party. It is a suggestive of defeat, and was used by Sheba the son of Bircih, in his revolt against David. He blew a blast on his trumpet, and went forth crying, 'To your tents, O Israel,' until he had gathered a great host of the disaffected element under his banner, but the mighty men of Judah pursued after him and his followers, and besieged them in the stronghold where they took refuge for safety. The result was that Sheba's head was cut off and thrown over the wall to Joab, who was the leader of David's army, and the Sheba party was utterly defeated. Then Joab exulted as the signal of victory, for the returns were all in and he had carried the election by a large majority, and he had Sheba's head to certify to the fact. Moral—Don't be too previous, and beware of scriptural headlines."

WANTED.—1000 bushels of corn in exchange for lumber, cypress or pine, or shingles. J. T. STEWART.

Get your meals at the Farmers' Union Lunch House, opposite the Post-office on Main street.

"Firing the Southern Heart."

Louisiana Review.

A question of far greater importance than any other is going to be fought out in Louisiana, this coming political campaign. That is, the right of the citizen to vote just as he pleases at the primaries or the election, without being subjected to vilification and to threats of the shot-gun.

Of late years, this abuse has grown from bad to worse and, during the last campaign, it seemed as if Asia Minor had turned loose all its howling dervishes upon Louisiana. Vilification knew no bounds, and bad blood was engendered to such a degree that rioting was barely averted.

As this was done ostensibly to give the people a Reform government. Now, after it has been thoroughly tested, the name is legion of the good people who, knowing, couldn't be worked up to the pitch of making such another fight as they made four years ago, to prolong the lease of power of quite a number of present incumbents.

As the Reform card cannot be successfully played twice in succession, some other slogan had to be raised by the Reform chieftains who resped the fruits of the last year's campaign. The lottery question, about which they had absolutely nothing to say when the Legislature that was to pass upon it was being chosen, offered the only theme with which an excitement could again be raised for the next campaign.

How it has been utilized thus far to "fire the Southern heart," is well known to our readers. Had the Reform leaders succeeded in their desperate efforts to keep this question from going to the people for final solution, they could then have urged upon the people opposed to the re-chartering, the necessity of a rally upon that issue to prevent the election of a Legislature favorable to a constitutional convention or to the repassage of the lottery amendment, and of a Governor in accord with such a Legislature.

Now, a moment's reflection will disclose clearly the fact that since the lottery question was directly to the people for final action at the polls, there is no good reason why this question should influence the nomination or election of the next State, parochial or municipal officers.

Properly viewed in that connection, the lottery question is but a false issue, and the people should take good care that it is not used as a blind, as the cry of Reform was, by aspirants to office who could not persuade the people to elect them on their personal merits.

When the lottery question comes up for action at the polls, all the party nominations will have been made, and every voter, at his option, will have the opportunity to vote "for" or "against" the proposed amendment, on the very same ticket bearing the names of the candidates for the various offices.

And, as the lottery question will be finally decided, one way or the other, simultaneously with the election of all State and parochial officers, it is very clear that none of these officers can exercise any control whatsoever over the question after their induction in office.

Therefore, the strenuous efforts in certain quarters to use this issue to again plunge the State into turmoil, are groundless and unjustifiable, and it is to be hoped that the good sense and independence of the people, will promptly from them down.

The discussion of the lottery question and the independent action of the voter upon it, at the polls, is one thing, and the nomination and election of the public officials is another.

It will make precious little difference with us, in view of the status that the lottery question now occupies, whether the candidates for Democratic nomination, or for election on the Democratic ticket, which is the ticket that we intend to support, are "pro" or "anti," particularly if they are men sufficiently broad in their ideas to recognize the right of every man to his opinion on any public question.

Last Monday night the barn and stable of Mr. James Petelin in Grand Coteau were burned to the ground, together with a lot of corn, hay, and other provender. As there were several other buildings in close proximity, which also took fire from the flying cinders, it looked for a while as if the main part of the town would be burned down, but fortunately the citizens succeeded in confining the fire to the barn and stable. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary, very strong suspicions resting upon a young negro named Joseph Tolliver alias Lubin who has disappeared, and is still at large.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge K. of P. convenes in Shreveport on the 18th and 20th of this month. All necessary arrangements have been perfected for making it a notable event of the order. Thanks to the committee for a comp. to attend.

New drug store, fresh stock, competent druggist, prices moderate. H. & L. B. Chachere, proprietors, Landry street, between Main and Court. Also a full line of stationery, school books, combs, brushes, perfumery, tobacco, cigars, etc., etc.

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White Supremacy.

ST. LANDRY LAYS DOWN THE LAW TO WOULD BE CANDIDATES

A rousing meeting was held at Leenville last Saturday. The following special to the Times-Democrat explains its objects and purposes and the action taken:

Opelousas, La., May 9.—Pursuant to a call of the white citizens of Leenville, St. Landry parish, a large meeting was held to-day at Camy's Bridge for the purpose of advocating the maintenance of white supremacy and formally declaring that white men shall rule this country. Addresses were made by Hon. G. L. Dupre, Capt. J. J. Thompson, Placide T. Robin, Hon. R. J. Smith and others, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted in which the people renewed their allegiance to the doctrine of white supremacy and pledged themselves to support for office no man or set of men who were not in line with this movement. A marked feature of the gathering was the unanimity of feeling prevailing among men who have heretofore been antagonistic to each other in local politics. This meeting was the outcome of the recent appointment of a colored postmaster at Opelousas and the extraordinary circumstances surrounding it, which have aroused the white people throughout the parish.

Pressing Their Advantages.

El Paso is becoming excited about the action of Postmaster Smith, who, it appears, allows postoffice inspectors to open sealed letters mailed in that office in their "smuggling out" efforts in search of lottery matter.

The United States was hardly born when the famous "cabnet vote" in France created a storm of indignation, and there has not been since the great French revolution, a government of whatever structure, outside of Russia, which would dare to tamper with the secrecy of the mails. But the bogus reformers of the last Congress have made this great and glorious land of liberty the laughing stock of the world in more ways than one, while at home the startling fact is presented that Wauwauaker's myriads are to-day citizens of unlimited jurisdiction.

The day will come, it must come, when all such violations of the intrinsic rights of American citizens, will be crushed to dust by the stern heel of an outraged people.

Cleopatra.

This beautiful Egyptian queen is said to have possessed wonderful charms of person. Our American women are prone to neglect their health, and should, when suffering from prostration, languor, female debility or weakness, use freely and regularly Cleopatra Tonic, the best friend to woman.

Here is how the Robeline News puts it: "The anti leaders say the lottery company will control our State politics if they are not defeated. Then if the lottery is defeated, who will control the State? Nichols, White & Co., of course, and they will not give the State a red cent for the privilege, either, but on the other hand will run in luxury on our public funds, and let the children of the State grow up in ignorance."

Robust English Women

Own their health to such outdoor life and physical exercise. In our southern climate during the protracted summer, the brooding sun forbids exposure, but the use of Croton Female Tonic will be found of great service in all cases of female weakness, debility, prostration and prostration.

Rudini may rage and Blaine may indulge in diplomatic language, but neither can alter the facts of the case nor change a recognized principle of international law. If any subject of his Majesty thinks he has suffered injury in this country the United States may see to it that the courts are open to him. But it may not control the finding of the jury.—Chicago Times, Dec.

Erysipelas.—I. L. Irvie, of Thomsville, Ga., says he was afflicted with Erysipelas for ten years and was only cured when P. P. E. was used.

Sold by Blake & Durko, Washington, La.

Count that day lost, whose low descending sun views from thy hand no advertising done.

JUDICIAL NOTICES.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5103.

ESTATE OF MATHILDE SITTING.

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 premises hereinafter described, near Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, May 27th, 1891,

the following described property, belonging to the estate of Mathilde Sitting, of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

1. Four arpents of land, being one arpent front by four arpents deep, fronting on the public road leading from Opelousas to Bellevue, and near the southeast corner of the line of said road, bounded north by A. Gung, south by Madame Baptiste Richard, widow, east by said public road, and west by Jules L. Chachere, with all buildings, carriage house and all other improvements thereon, saving and excepting one barn built by and belonging to Jules L. Chachere, with all other buildings, consisting of apple, pear, peach, plum, fig and other fruit trees, also a fish pond.

2. One lot of ground situated east-south of the corporation line of the town of Opelousas, containing an area of 52 (fifty-two) feet front by 80 (eighty) feet deep, fronting on the public road leading from Opelousas to Bellevue, bounded north by said corporation line south by J. L. Chachere, with all other buildings thereon, formerly occupied by Etienne Vein as a store.

ARTHUR VEIN, Administrator.

Terms—Cash. April 25, 1891.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5181.

ESTATE OF OLIVIER GUILLOU, FLS.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the District 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 administrators or a duly qualified auctioneer, on the premises at Pointe aux Pins, in the parish of St. Landry, on

Tuesday, June 2d, 1891,

the following described property, belonging to the estate of Olivier Guillou, f. l. s., to-wit:

The plantation on which the deceased last resided, consisting of sixty-four acres and four hundred and thirty-two arpents, more or less, bounded north by the Bayou des Canons, east by the Bayou de la Merced, and west by the Bayou de la Merced, dated February 20, 1853, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

The tract of wood land on Bayou des Canons, near Prairie Manmouth, parish of St. Landry, containing twenty superficial arpents, bounded north by the Bayou des Canons, east by Jean B. Tate and west by Alcide J. Fontenot.

One black roan horse; one dun horse; one old wagon.

Terms—Cash. DON LOUIS MCGAULEY, ELVIS AUBREY, Joint Administrators.

May 2, 1891.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5104.

ESTATE OF HENRY RIDGE AND WIFE OCTA VIE VILLON.

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, at the last residence of the deceased in Prairie Manon, in the parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, May 27th, 1891,

the following described property, belonging to the estate of Henry Ridge and wife Octavie Villon, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

Three head gentle horned cattle; 1 double barrel gun; 1 armoir; sack, crockery, pots, bedding, feather beds, saddle and bridle, etc.

Terms—Cash. HONORE FUSELER, Administrator.