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OPÉLOUSAS: SATURDAY, : : : : DEC. 19, 1891.

To our Friends and Patrons.

We wish to call the attention of the friends and patrons of the COURIER to the necessity of their being on the alert, in the matter of judicial publications, (sheriff's sales especially), as a neglect on their part to give positive instructions as to where they desire such advertisements published, is apt to result in our being deprived of the patronage that would otherwise be given to us.

FOR GOVERNOR.

July 7-1891. SAMUEL D. McENERY, OF ORACHITA. Oysters, crabs, fish and shrimps at Vilasica's.

Elegant, useful and cheap Christmas and New Year presents at Lacombe's.

It is impossible to offer goods cheaper than do the firm of J. K. Sandoz & Bro.

Regular meals, and hot coffee at all hours at Mrs. Perrault's restaurant.

Call and see my complete stock of watches, jewelry and silverware. R. Mornhinweg.

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

Cakes, fresh bread, etc., always on hand at the new bakery, Pefferkorn's old stand.

Fresh oysters in every style at all hours at M. Firmin's oyster saloon, opposite the Court House.

A lot of fine fat turkeys and chickens for sale at C.B. Andrews'. Call early and get the pick.

A pair of fine gold spectacles or eyeglasses is a suitable present to make to the old. The best can be had at R. Mornhinweg.

The rash (first come, first served) still continues for dry goods, clothing, shoes and groceries at J. K. Sandoz & Bro.

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

You will surely have a Merry Christmas at your homes, if you purchase your Christmas presents from R. Mornhinweg, the live jeweler of Opelousas.

When you desire to purchase goods look carefully over the COURIER and then go and patronize the business men who advertise therein.

An unequalled assortment, and a variety to suit all tastes, in watches, clocks, jewelry, and novelties in silverware, at Mornhinweg.

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

If you want something really recherché for a Holiday present, get one of those beautiful artistic baskets filled with choicest bouquets at Lacombe's.

Mr. W. L. Gil, has opened a lunch stand at the market house, where hot coffee, tea, chocolate and lunch may be had at all hours, at most moderate prices.

We have had an abundance of rain during the week, but no severely cold weather—a fortunate circumstance for the poor who, in many instances, are unable to buy sufficient wood.

Megiley is Headquarters for Fine Yarns, Fringed Mitts and Caps, Bohemian Glassware, Choice Confectionery, Candies, Crystallized Fruits, Etc., Etc.

In making your "grand round" for Holiday supplies, be sure and drop in at Lacombe's, adjoining the COURIER office, where you will find many good things of life, in the way of sweetmeats, confections, and first-class fresh groceries.

Bailey's Drug Store has been transformed into a Holiday Emporium where all sorts of Christmas and New Year goods are displayed, including some of the most elegant goods ever brought to this market. It would be impossible to enumerate the many beautiful and useful articles he has in stock, which include: Fresh goods, Photo and Auto-graph Albums, Odor Boxes, Work Boxes, Dressing Cases, Hair Sets, Jeweled Cases, Fancy Paperies, Perfumes, Fancy Soaps, Toilet Articles and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Holiday Directory.

There is nothing in the world that people admire more than a live business man. How is such a rare avis known? By his push, energy, and liberality, as manifested through advertising what he has to sell. He does not want to die of paralysis behind his counter—nor does he want his goods to rot of old age on the shelves. More than that, he wants to see his local paper flourish, and meet the printers with smiling faces. Our genial and popular townsman, Joseph Bloch, is one of these men. He always has a good stock on hand and business remains brisk with him. Just read his holiday advertisement on another page and see what a great variety he offers to the public; but really, there is so many nice things at Jos. Bloch that you must go there and examine for yourselves.

The progressive firm of Clements & Wilson have a few words to say to the readers of the COURIER this week, and though we are well aware that they are fully able to do their own talking, nevertheless we propose to say a few words on the subject ourselves. Only a few years since these gentlemen established themselves here, almost entire strangers, and it speaks well for their enterprise, that in that short space of time they have succeeded in building up a business equal to and even surpassing many old establishments of much longer standing. How? By working on sound business principles. Enterprise, strict attention to business and judicious advertising have been some of the adjuncts to their success.

Their store is now full to overflowing, and we advise all to give them a call.

"Santa Claus' Headquarters."—The inquisitive reader will find, by a little diligent search, a notice in another column with the above caption; of course, the next step will be to read the notice through; then all that will be left to be done will be to get straightway to C. Dielien's mammoth establishment and see its splendid stock, just unpacked. There he will find mountains of toys of every description, barrels of cakes, bushels of candies, confectionery, &c., fireworks and knick-knacks in endless variety, and wines, liquors, cordials, &c., ad libitum, besides one of the largest and finest stocks of staple and fancy groceries ever offered in this market. We advise our readers to go, and take a look at C. Dielien's immense emporium, for an enthusiastic ward of the nation remarked the other day, "it beats a circus, menagerie and nigger show—all combined!"

Have you seen that little ad of Ben Megieley's? You will need no magnifying glass to find it, and after reading it over carefully, call around and investigate the merits of its many prominent claims, and you will find that there is no exaggeration. He always has a good stock on hand and business remains brisk with him. He will furnish you all with everything to amuse you, from a steam engine to a fire cracker; from a steamboat to a roman candle; from chiming bells to a piping horn—and a variety of other kinds of horns. He has an abundance of all kinds of sweetmeats and all kinds of first class groceries. Don't fail to give him a call.

If you want something neat, useful or ornamental for a Holiday Present, drop in at Jacob's New Stand and you will be sure to find it. Some of the many nice things he has in stock will be found enumerated in the advertisement in another column, and as will be seen comprises a wide range of elegant goods suited to the season. We would like to say something about the "Music Box" but are precluded from doing so by Act of Congress of Sept. 16, 1890. However, full particulars can be had on application at the store.

We are now in the midst of the holidays, and it is in order to look around for good things to cap that turkey dinner with, viz; a suitable dessert—and we can tell you just where to find the choicest sweetmeats in greatest variety and abundance. "Frank the Baker" has them, and will take especial delight in furnishing you, with neatness and dispatch, and at bottom prices with enough good things to last you till next Christmas. See his advertisement.

Our grocers are certainly making prices very favorable for cash buyers, and a visit to Mr. C. B. Andrews' establishment, on Levee street, first corner west of the bridge, will convince any one that he can't be beat on assortment nor prices. His stock comprises all the goods usually kept in his line, besides many novelties and knick-knacks for the Holiday trade. Read his advertisement and give him a call.

With this issue of the COURIER will be found a neat holiday supplement in which Mornhinweg enumerates some of the many beautiful and useful articles he has in stock suitable for the Holidays—but it would be utterly impossible to give any idea of the magnificence of his stock even in a supplement, and we would therefore advise all to go and see for themselves.

In making your rounds for Holiday supplies, do not fail to call on our friend Mike Halbon, manager of the West End Store, whose advertisement will be found in another column. His store is now full of nice things for the Holidays, and you may rest assured that Mike will receive you with a smile and endeavor to supply your wants with alacrity.

Mr. P. Del Boon, the popular Main street fruit merchant, has laid in a splendid supply of fresh fruits, nuts, candies, fancy and staple groceries, etc., for the holidays; also a large supply of fresh oysters. He is always up to the demands of his customers and his prices are reasonable. Read his advertisement.

As will be seen in to-day's COURIER, Mr. Clément Hébert has been making extensive preparations for the Holiday trade. His assortment is very complete and well selected, and his establishment is truly a variety store—a perfect Bazar of notions and general Holiday goods. Give him a call.

Do you ever "smile"? If so, go to Mark Firmin's Bijou Saloon and do it in style. His liquors are of the best, his mixologist is an expert, and his billiard and pool tables are the finest in the parish—and last but not least, you will find Mark always "on deck" and willing to make himself agreeable to his patrons at all times. See his advertisement in another column.

Lacombe's stock of Holiday goods is one of the largest in town. Toys, Dolls, Fireworks, &c. Give him a call.

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

A Merry Christmas.

This may seem a little premature, since our paper must appear before Christmas comes, but, as we cannot express our felicitations to our patrons and the public in general on the day itself, we desire to do so in anticipation of it. Thank God we live in a land of Christians, unmindful though we be, in great part, of the manifold worldly advantages we enjoy. The birthday of Jesus is, of all the days of the year, the one we should be the most careful to observe with thanksgiving and rejoicings. The most important and everlasting gift ever made to our race by the Allwise Creator of the Universe is, by the common consent of all the Christian world, signalized on the 25th day of December. We believe it is conceded by biblical scholars that this day cannot be the nativity of our Savior. We are told that among the causes that brought about this day and caused it to be fixed for the celebration, was the inclination of the heathen nations about that time, to regard the winter solstice as that period when the powers of all nature began to show signs of renewed activity. The early churches observed no one particular day in common, some holding the festival in May or April, and others in January. But in one respect all agreed. The Romans, Celts and Germans, and the diverging churches of subsequent origin, all concurred in the custom of holding festivals in honor of the birth of the Savior. It is not a matter of vital importance to know on what day of the month the Savior was born, it suffices to know that He came into our world and died for our redemption, and all that may be said of the uncertainty of the precise day of the week which we should keep as the Sabbath. Writers on the subject have not been able to fix any one day, but by the common consent of the Christian world a day has been fixed as a day of rest—and it is lamentable that many thousands of our race neglect to keep the Sabbath day as a day of rest. It would be impossible to designate a particular day, as being the one designated by the Holy Scriptures.

The Bear's Got 'Em.

As we go to press a dispatch from Baton Rouge announces that the bolters have nominated the following ticket: Foster, for Governor; Parlange, Lieut. Gov.; John Pickett, Treasurer; Lafargue, Suprdt. of public education; W. W. Head, of Union, Auditor; Cunningham, Attorney-General; Adams, Secretary of State.

The dispatch announced that the regular Democratic Convention would nominate their ticket to-day, Friday, with Samuel D. McENERY at the head.

Last week Judge Lewis adjourned court on Tuesday to attend to some private business, and on Wednesday on account of the parish convention, and last Wednesday when requested to take a recess for a short time to let the members of the bar attend the funeral of Morton E. Duson son of our Senator, he did not consent. We find this strange on the part of the Judge—when we remember that the deceased was the oldest son of a former officer of this parish, who for many years was recognized to be one of the best officers in our parish and one of the finest sheriffs in the State. As an act of courtesy the request should have been granted.

The U. S. District Court will be opened here on January 4th, 1892. We understand that the business before it, of a civil nature, is gradually increasing. The new courthouse is completed and has been accepted by the agent of the government, but as the furniture, etc., have not yet arrived, it may not be feasible for Judge Boatman to hold his Court in it.

What the cause of delay is, we have not been able to learn. Once here, the furniture might be placed in position in a very short time. No lamps have been hung; and we see no fuel destined for use in the courthouse.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the Committee of Twenty-five have started the ball rolling, in the matter of improving the public schools of Opelousas. Last Thursday the furniture of Miss Hebrard's school was removed to the lower story of Perrodin's Hall, where the pupils under Miss Hebrard will be under more comfortable quarters; and it is to be hoped that the energetic ladies to whom the public of Opelousas are indebted for this much needed improvement will not rest until all our public schools are as satisfactorily located.

The public roads leading to town are now becoming heavy. The late abundant rains and the constant hauling over them have made them very muddy. The crops are coming in as rapidly as can be expected under the circumstances.

The low price of cotton is discouraging to the planters of it, and it should be admitted that as a class to give less attention to the agitation of the sub-treasury mania and more to the policy of planting less cotton and more of the cereals.

This is the only criminal term of court that we can remember that has ever been held in this parish at which not a single acquittal has been secured, and this is still more remarkable in view of the fact that we have at this bar, as fine a set of criminal lawyers as in any other portion of the State.

All praise to our District Attorney the Hon. John N. Ogden, for his energy and success.

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Necrology.

Morton Everett Duson, son of Hon. C. C. Duson and Isora A. Duson, was born in St. Landry, on the 14th day of December A. D. 1869, and died on the 14th day of December 1891, having reached the age of twenty-two years and four months, precisely. During the month of December A. D. 1890, he was afflicted by an attack of La Grippe, which yielded to circumspection and prudence, and for a time seemed to have been entirely surmounted. But during the following February it returned upon him, with renewed severity and virulence. It fastened its ruthless fangs upon his delicate lungs, causing alarming hemorrhages from time to time and a rapid destruction of all the vital powers. Alarmed, because fully aware of his critical condition, his anxious father sent him to San Jacinto mountain in San Diego, California, under the tender and vigilant care of his mother. He remained there for a time, but realizing that he did not improve, he returned home. The hectic flush appeared upon his emaciated cheeks, and he was the ever intrusive companion of his days. He was fully aware of his condition, and always spoke of it in a spirit of courageous resignation.

He had always been a good boy, a kind companion of his associates—a dutiful son. His entire life had been distinguished by kindness, gentleness and tenderness of feeling. His devotion to his parents was remarkable, and aware that his physical condition was delicate, and that he was unqualified by reason thereof, for the arduous duties of ordinary life, they were indulgent, having returned home, all we can do, that solicitude and affection could prompt. He saw that his days had dwindled to the shortest span, but the contemplation of dissolution created not errors in his calm reflections. He manifested some disinclination for his mother and father, but none whatever for himself. He expired in the sanctified quietude of home, as one falling into a sleep. In the last of his serene life, he felt but few hours of exemption from dooming pain, but stood bravely up, without murmuring, in all the heroism of conscious rectitude, to the end.

He was a member of the brotherhood of the Knights of Pythias, who, loving him while living, performed the last sad rites over his remains at the grave in the Protestant cemetery of Opelousas; on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 1891. The ceremony was impressively solemn and beautiful, and the tears that fell from the eyes of sympathizing friends, who witnessed the lowering of the coffin into the grave were copious indeed.

Morton had been a favorite in the circles in which his early life had been thrown, was beloved by the fraternity of which he was a member, and a more dutiful son never cheered his parents' hearts while living, or convulsed them with pangs of grief when dead. The sympathies of the entire community are actively with the sorrowing family. May they be able to realize that our heavenly Father is *allicie*, that he never errs in his inscrutable dispensations, however hard they may to us appear, and that—

He hides a smiling face.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's mother in Opelousas, on December 15, 1891, by Rev. A. Dubourg, Mr. EDWARD JOSIE WILLIAMS and Miss LOUISE MORGAN.

We felicitate the young couple, and wish them all the joy the conjugal state can afford under its most favoring circumstances.

We have but one regret springing from the marriage, which is caused by the loss which Opelousas society must realize, by the future absence of the charming bride. May the happy pair have a long and pleasant journey through this life, before either be called to that "land of pure delight, where saints immortal reign," and as they journey, let the truth expressed by the poet of Ireland be able to say truthfully, each for himself—

"There's a bliss beyond all the minstrels have told, When two that are linked in one heavenly bond, With hearts never changing, and brows never old, Love on through all ills, and love on till they die."

A very delicate reaction has set in with the press of the North on the subject of the lottery postal law. While the lottery cases were before the supreme court, the Washington Post, which is edited by Hon. Frank Hutton, one of the rankest of Republicans, made a terrible onslaught upon the law, in which it says:

"We do not think the law will stand. If not in the aspect of which is now presented to the supreme court, then in some other of its many objectionable and intolerable forms it will be scrutinized and condemned. It was enacted in response to popular clamor, originating in Louisiana politics, and passed on to the outside world in moral and religious masquerades until it seized the fancy of the unthinking multitude. That when the sober and dispassionate thought of the country shall have appraised its true significance and detected the abhorrent principles which it involves, the verdict of popular reprobation will be at once unmistakable and overwhelming."

The practice of misrepresenting matters of public interest is becoming disgustingly common among newspapers, and especially in this case in political affairs. A person naturally reads a paper for information, and unless this information is reliable it is a waste of time to acquire it. When the press knowingly and maliciously falsify reports on political questions, for the purpose of drawing strength to their side of an issue, they are guilty of that basest imposition upon the public, who naturally look to the public prints for authentic information. Of course it is frequently the case that papers fall into error unknowingly, through the carelessness of correspondents; but of late malicious misrepresentations are becoming far more common than honest mistakes.—Farmersville Gazette.

Quite a number of Antis throughout the State have made the terrible threat that if the amendment is carried they will leave the State. The only thing to be apprehended is that they will not put the threat into execution. Louisiana would be well rid of such fanatics—they had best seek a more congenial home in the land where witch-burning is in vogue.—Alexandria Times.

Sixty-four families from South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa will shortly settle in Calcasieu, in the vicinity of Welsh.

Be it said to the honor of newspapers who are supporting the candidacy of Judge S. D. McENERY for the governorship of Louisiana, that they have never maligned the character of Capt. T. S. Adams, the candidate of the other side. As Democrats they have been compelled to object to him as an exponent or representative of Democratic principles, because as president of the State Farmers' Union, and as a State delegate to the Florida Ocala Convention he helped to frame and was thoroughly committed to the Ocala platform, which is diametrically opposed to the fundamental principles of Democracy. As a man, as a good citizen and as a farmer we honor Adams—and we, as a Democrat, cannot endorse his political ideas as formulated in the Ocala platform. This is our opposition to Mr. Adams, and we secure to fight him with aspersions and abuse as practiced by many in their opposition to S. D. McENERY. If we cannot defeat him by fair and honest argument we will not resort to vituperation and passion to accomplish his downfall. We desire to preserve the harmony and autonomy of the Democratic party above all things, and we believe that S. D. McENERY is the man that can accomplish this grand object and give us a good and tranquil administration.—Crowley Signal.

Track laying on the Houston, Central Arkansas and Northern Railroad on the 10th instant, had reached a point within twenty-four miles of Alexandria and is progressing at the rate of two miles per day. Work on the Watkins road is also making rapid progress.

Right Rev. John N. Galleher, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Louisiana, died in New Orleans last Monday, after a long and painful illness.

Hon. Charles Frederick Crisp, of Georgia, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives last Monday.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY.

OPÉLOUSAS, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1891. The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment. Present: E. M. BOAGNI, President, and Mr. J. B. MARY, Stagg, Milbray, Haas, Ward and Bibin.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the reading of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with. On motion of Mr. Durio, the verbal report of the committee appointed to rebuild Calahan, Madison and McCreary bridges was accepted, committee discharged and Mr. H. G. KIRVES ordered credited with the sum of \$275.00 out of the internal improvement funds of 1891, 5th ward.

On motion of Mr. Durio, he it resolved, that the petition from the citizens of Bayou Teche, Marie Croquant and Contraband relative to hogs running at large within the 3 miles limit east of Opelousas and beyond, was laid on the table until next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Durio, he it resolved, that J. O. LeBlanc be credited with the sum of \$125.00 of the Internal Improvement funds of 1891, for building 12 feet of bridge from Sackett Landing to Chev's lower line.

On motion of C. T. Bihm, he it resolved that the petition from the citizens of Prairie Lake, relative to the citizens of Prairie Lake, relative to allowing hogs to roam at large, was laid on the table until next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Ward, he it resolved that the Sheriff and tax collector be authorized to return to the State Treasury the sum of \$50.00 amount of taxes collected by the parish of St. Landry on that portion of the P. & E. R. R. track within the limits of the parish.

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IN MEMORIAM.

CASTLE HALL JEFFERSON DAVIS, of Lodge No. 98, K. of P. Which has pleased our Heavenly Father in the exercise of His inscrutable wisdom, to call from us our well-beloved brother, Morton E. Duson, in the bud and blossom of his serene life, and whereas it is dutiful and becoming in us, his brothers, to bow with humble submission to His Divine Providence; therefore, we, as in every respect well worthy of emulation.

Resolved, That with hearts subdued with grief we humbly accept this dispensation of Almighty God, as well becomes us. His dependent creatures.

Resolved, That we recognize our great loss in the death of our brother, and impressed by the worthy example of his gentle and uniform life, we commend him to the merciful arms of his Father in Heaven, and in every respect well worthy of emulation.

Resolved, That we will cherish his memory as devoted brothers; that in token of our grief, and of our respect for his memory, we will wear the customary badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That our sympathies are hereby tendered, as a fraternity, to the bereaved family, upon whose house we invoke the blessings and consolations of our Heavenly Father. Resolved, That the Opelousas, Couriers, St. Landry Democrat, St. Landry Clarion be and are hereby respectfully requested to publish these proceedings and that a duly authenticated copy of them be furnished to the family, in their hour of bereavement.

J. P. SAIZAN, Chairman. H. E. ESTORGE, J. J. MORSEY, J. L. CAIN, J. J. PERRODIN.

Tribute of Respect from Opelousas Social Club.

Whereas, it hath pleased God to take from our midst by the hand of death one of our dearly beloved members, Morton E. Duson, therefore,