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OPELOUSAS:

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### 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 indications 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. The sheriff of this parish has been making himself especially zealous in the matter of securing sales for the paper of which he is director and stockholder, and several notices of that nature have appeared in that paper which the parties interested would have selected to be done in the COURIER, had they been consulted; and others have been directed from us at the special solicitation of the sheriff or his deputies serving the papers in the matter of seizures.

To those who prefer to patronize any other paper in this parish we have no desire to interfere with their preferences, but our friends who wish to favor us with their patronage are earnestly requested to see that the proper officers are instructed to have the publication done in the COURIER—and they are especially urged against allowing themselves to be induced to consent that the advertisement should be done in some other paper.

### Church Directory.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—Services at Opelousas every 3d Sunday of the month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. At Bellevue, the first Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bellevue, 24 Sabbath, 11 o'clock a. m.; 3d Sabbath 2:30 p. m.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**—At Opelousas, 1st, 3d and 4th Sabbaths 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 p. m. Bellevue, 24 Sabbath, 11 o'clock a. m.; 3d Sabbath 2:30 p. m.

**PRAYER MEETING** every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. School 10 o'clock every Sabbath.

**T. S. KANDLER, P. C.**

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

OPELOUSAS, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

**REV. G. E. FRAGER, Pastor.**

### Episcopal Church.

The weather this week, has been as fine as could be desired.

### Order your oysters, crabs and fish from Vlasseac; delivered at domicile.

Valentines! Valentines! All styles, quality and prices, at Jacob's News stand.

It is asserted that Hon. T. F. Bayard has been elected upon as Secretary of State in Pres. Cleveland's Cabinet.

COAL.—Pittsburg coal delivered anywhere within the corporation limits in any quantity by J. B. Sandoz.

FOR SALE.—A peddling back, as good as new, will be sold cheap. Apply at this office.

There is much sickness in the country, principally pneumonia, and of a very fatal type, many deaths having occurred recently from that disease.

The city council of New Iberia has prohibited the licensing of wheels of fortune and all kinds of fakirs. Let our city fathers do likewise.

Gov. Foster has appointed W. B. Baily, late editor of the Lafayette Advertiser, clerk of the District Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clerk Emile Creighton.

We have received from the New Orleans Picayune a neat and useful calendar for 1893, and a chart of notable events of 1892, being an interesting and valuable condensation of the history of the past year.

The fall proceedings of the last meeting of the Police Jury will be found in to-day's COURIER. The license ordinance adopted at that meeting is the same as last year, without any change whatever.

Thursday a difficulty took place on Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish, between Mr. John Savant and a Mr. Sandler, in which the former was shot through the thigh. Both parties are prominent in their neighborhood. The quarrel grew out of a business matter.

Although the heavy rains of a couple weeks ago rendered some of the country roads leading into town almost impassable, rice has continued to come into town in considerable quantities. The price of the cereal still rules extremely low.

We take pleasure in directing attention to the advertisement in another column of Kellan & Moore, of Atlanta, Ga. As will be seen the celebrated pianos of this reliable firm may be had at the drugstore of Dr. I. E. Shute, where a full assortment will be kept in stock at all times.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi died at Macon, Ga., last Monday. The death of Judge Lamar is a national loss, and most particularly to the South. He had occupied high and exalted positions with eminent ability all his life and was universally honored and beloved.

A grand foot race for a purse of \$200 will come off at Welsh, Calcasieu parish, on Saturday, February 13th, at 10 o'clock a. m., between Theodore (Bnd.) Frang and Mr. Hatteling. Distance 125 yards. The public is invited, and the contest promised to be a spirited one.

Of course the following, from one of our State exchanges, does not apply to the readers of the COURIER: We have many subscribers on our list who have been strating by us for more than twelve months. If they do not strut into our office and drop a line in the slot, the thanks of the office will be extended and they will have the fair thing Atakapas Yindi.

## Personal.

Mr. J. Fontenot, Jr., was a welcome caller at our office last Thursday.

Judge A. W. Dejean, of Plaquemine point, gave our office an agreeable visit last Tuesday.

Mr. A. C. Kennedy visited Lafayette last Wednesday.

We had a pleasant call Thursday from Mr. Walter Smith, son of our former townsmen, David Smith, of Thibodaux, who is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Dora Jenkins, daughter of Dr. W. T. Jenkins, of Prud'homme City, is visiting her friend Miss Lola Joffrin with the family of Judge E. North Colton.

Mr. Eraste Grémond, of Marksville, was in town on business last Wednesday.

Messrs. Cassius Ricord and Leon Didier, of Marksville, were here on business this week.

Mr. D. Jenkins passed through town Wednesday en route to New Orleans.

Mrs. C. Milsted has returned from a pleasant trip to New Orleans spent with friends and relatives.

We had an appreciated call last Monday from Mr. D. F. Dupré one of the leading citizens of Plaisance.

Mr. Paul Staffe of Bayou Boeuf paid our office a welcome visit last Saturday.

W. A. Flynn, Esq., one of Washington's popular citizens, gave us a pleasant call last Monday.

Dr. J. E. Hawkins and Maj. Frank Wharton two of Bayou Chicot's prominent citizens, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Simon Ardion, one of St. Landry's sterling citizens, gave our office an appreciated call last Monday.

Mr. A. P. Durio, one of Arnaudville's prosperous merchants, was in town Tuesday.

## Our Artesian Well.

It affords us pleasure to announce the renewal of work on the projected artesian well of this town.

For many months nothing was done and we had begun to fear the enterprise was abandoned. But our worthy fellow Benedict having completed other important business arrangements for happiness and prosperity of a connubial nature, has gone to work again determined if possible, to complete the well. We sincerely wish him speedy success. The work is of great importance to the town and those who visit it. Many serious obstacles have intervened, heretofore calculated to discourage Mr. Ware, but he seems undaunted and has gone to work with renewed hopes and energy.

## Who is Guilty?

Some lawless person or persons in and about this town, have an idea that the rest of others is of no importance. On Tuesday night last, three pistol shots were fired in rapid succession on the street, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock. Such occurrences are by no means rare, and the marauders should be taken up and dealt with. It has always appeared strange to us that there should be persons who prowl about in this way violating the laws, to the destruction of the peace and quiet of all such as prefer to be at home.

These very persons would be the first to claim the clemency of the Courts, if detected in their outlawsy.

We had the pleasure of meeting the members of the Opelousas bar who have been in attendance at court the past three weeks. A note social, genteel and intelligent class, it has never been our lot to come in contact with. In her legal fraternity, St. Landry should feel a special pride.—Crowley Signal.

Mr. W. B. Baller, who for twenty-eight years has published the Lafayette Advertiser, sold out last week to a stock company and severs his connection with the paper. Mr. R. C. Greig will take editorial management. Lafayette is to have another paper, to be established by Messrs. Chas. Thomas and Homer J. Mouton.—Iberia Enterprise.

The first vote cast in the Senate by Senator Caffery was against the anti-opium bill. The hayseed farmer members of the Legislature of this State are doubtless making mental notes of this fact and will have their knives in a fairly sharp condition by the time the Legislature meets in 1894.—Sugar Planter.

GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST.—Opelousas, La., has need of a Good Hotel Building and a large Livery Stable. I have the lots suitable, and will sell at reasonable price, and on long terms of credit.

H. L. GARLAND, Opelousas.

July 9

Why send off for your illuminating oils when you can have it delivered at a moment's notice, at the lowest rates by leaving your orders with Mason McBride, of the Waters Piece Oil Co., near the depot.

FOR SALE CHEAP! CHEAP!—One thousand cords of wood at seven miles from Opelousas, on Courtableau.

H. L. GARLAND.

July 8

Call at Jacob's News stand and see his beautiful display of Valentines, of all kinds.

Remember that Shute's drug store is headquarters for everything in the drug line.

Drugs, medicines, chemicals, patent medicines, fine cigars, tooth brushes, combs, &c., at Bailey's drugstore.

Blank books, pens, ink, paper and school supplies at Bailey's drugstore.

## Reflections for Family Reading.

January 22nd.

The well being of the human race may be considered one of the most, if not the most important achievement of this divine purpose. We are forced to this conclusion by considering the fact that God so loved the world (by which we understand the human family), that he gave his only begotten son to die for its redemption and final salvation from the penalty of violated law. He does nothing inconsistent with his primitive design, and when even we think we see manifestations of his power, which appear to militate against our welfare and happiness, we may rest assured that we are in error as to the purpose He has in view. Just at this time our journals announce the falling of unusual quantities of snow—the georging of the Northern rivers by ice. Now, these phenomena are all wisely comprehended in the general plan adopted by our Creator for the well being of all created nature. One lesson may be learned from all this which, if heeded, would prove greatly advantageous to mankind. Change in all material things is one of the first laws of being. The snow cannot last always, nor can the ice; both must thaw, melt, dissolve in the course of time, and under changing circumstances, and so must we. We, too, have our day, and then pass away to the mysterious world. In our studies we should assiduously endeavor to fill our minds with those rich materials of knowledge which, in the hereafter, may the better qualify us to understand the wisdom and goodness of God. Such a course rightly pursued, would save us from that dissipation which so often leads to un happiness and ruin.

January 23d.

The misanthrope doubts and mistrusts everyone around him. The miser fears robbers and final poverty—the superstitious, apparitions. There is nothing of sound philosophy in these perturbed conditions of the mind. We are naturally sociable beings, and were rightly organized in mind and heart, it would be our pleasure to regard our fellows as members of one great family. They cannot but do good, but do not doubt. There is apparently more reason for the fears of the miser, but when properly considered, there is error at the bottom of his apprehensions. His digestion is not better for his unnecessary accumulations. His intellectual powers are no more expanded by them, and at the end of his mortal state, he must leave all behind him. Apparitions seem to be the offspring of ignorance and perverted religion. There was a time when such imaginary illusions were pardonable, but in the age of general diffused knowledge, there can be no excuse for them. Yet, we frequently see that such notions are entertained by persons living among intelligent people. How wonderful it is that man, poor man, not satisfied with the actual "ills that flesh is heir to," must tax his powers of invention to conjure up others as unsubstantial as the "fabric of a vision."

And having exagitated them from the feigned imagination, makes himself unhappy, perhaps miserably, by persistently contemplating them.

We should uniformly guard against the illusions of the imagination and content ourselves with the assurance that God is all in all that is real.

January 24th.

There are many persons in the world who profess disbelief in the existence of an all-wise, omnipotent Being. Whether they really believe there is no God, such as the balance of informed mankind conceive him to be, we do not know, but do grant that they cannot look out on the starry heavens on a cloudless night, and tell us who placed the myriad worlds there and set them in motion if they deny the existence of God. They cannot see the dark clouds roll up, and see the lightning's vivid flash and hear the deep-toned reverberations of thunder roll along the cloud and almost shake the earth, and tell us who it was that put the causes of such wonderful display of power in operation, if it was not our God. They cannot see and feel the power of the winds that sweep over sea and land, hurrying the waters of the oceans into mighty waves, and prostrating great forests, and reflecting upon the causes of these terrible manifestations of power, say who but God could bring them about. It is idle to say that all results from chance, for if there were no design—no methodical purpose in it—the spheres would be thrown into confusion, the winds flying howling through space and leaving destruction behind, and the lightning striking without regard to any law of attraction. Chaos would come again, because all the elements of Nature would be without a law to direct their operations.

In all these wonderful demonstrations of power and order, we behold something beyond the power of man to originate, modify or control. We are therefore compelled to believe that one mightier and wiser than he created all we see—that He alone can control, govern it, and that being must be God, the omniscient omnipotent, worthy of our adoration.

January 25th.

Comets have their revolutions round the sun and derive their name from the vapors which surround them. They appear to be full of spots when seen through a powerful telescope. Their train or tail is transparent, which is known by the fact that fixed stars may be seen through and beyond it. It has been computed that the number of comets in our system is about twenty-one. When they are nearest the sun, it is said by astronomers, notably Newton, that one particular one, is two thousand times hotter than red hot iron, and that it would retain its heat for more than 20,000 years. Although astronomy has revealed many phenomena and wonders of the planetary world, astronomers are still unable to inform us whether comets are

## Proceedings of the Police Jury.

OPPELOUSAS, JAN. 18, 1893.

The Police Jury met at 12:30 p. m. Present: E. M. Bogan, President; Messrs. McGee, Cloutier, Laffeur, Bergeron, and Fontenot.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the report of the committee to ascertain the cost of repairing the Taylor bridge was received and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the report of commissioners to sell contract to build bridge over Bayou Cocodrie, on road from Whiteville to Cocodrie, was received and committee discharged, and the sum of \$450 placed to the credit of V. V. Guilroy.

On motion of Mr. Cloutier, the road laid out by Hippolyte Young, was accepted and declared a public road, and the same to run as follows: from the intersection of the road of Hippolyte Young's land.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the Police Jury adjourned till 4 o'clock.

## Evening Session.

The Police Jury met at 4 p. m. Present: E. M. Bogan, President; Messrs. McGee, Cloutier, Laffeur, Bergeron, and Fontenot.

On motion of Mr. McGee, Dr. Wm. Childs, W. C. Dejean and Theodore F. Richard were appointed a committee to let out contract to lay out and construct a bridge over Bayou Cocodrie, on road from Whiteville to Cocodrie, according to report of committee of meeting of Oct. 14, 1892.

On motion of Mr. Dupré, the petition of Mr. Pierce was laid on the table till next meeting.

On motion of Mr. McGee, the resolution adopted at the last meeting, allowing the Sheriff \$25 per head for feeding the prisoners in jail was reconsidered.

Mr. Bergeron moved to fix the Sheriff's compensation for feeding the prisoners in jail at \$25 per head.

Mr. Guiry moved \$25 per head as a substitute.

Mr. Courtney moved as an amendment to the substitute that the compensation be \$24 per head.

Mr. Guiry called for the yeas and nays; voting for Mr. Courtney's motion, Messrs. Cloutier, Courtney and Dupré; against the motion, Messrs. McGee, Laffeur, Bergeron, Fontenot and Bogan; the yeas and nays were as follows: For Mr. Courtney's motion, Messrs. Cloutier, Courtney and Dupré; against the motion, Messrs. McGee, Laffeur, Bergeron, Fontenot and Bogan.

On motion of Mr. Dupré, the Clerk was instructed to notify the crossing over their road on the road leading from Opelousas to Ville Plate, Grand Coteau, to be closed until the road is in bad condition and entirely too steep.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the Police Jury adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

January 17th, 1893.

The Police Jury met at 10 a. m. Present: E. M. Bogan, President; Messrs. McGee, Dupré, Fontenot, Courtney, Bergeron, Guiry, Cloutier, and Baller.

On motion of Mr. Baller, the petition of Art. Desjardins was laid on the table till next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the committee appointed to ascertain the cost of building an iron fence around the jail was granted more time.

On motion of Mr. McGee, the report of commissioners to sell contract to build bridge in Anse-a-Vaches was taken up from the table, and the sum of \$75 out of funds of 1892, 8th ward.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the committee appointed to examine and ascertain the cost of repairing the Barbeck bridge was received and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, the report of committee to ascertain the cost of building the bridge was taken from the table, and the report received and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Bergeron, the right to erect a public road in the territory of Grand Coteau and Washington, was granted to Teeche and Vermillion line from Arnaudville to Grand Coteau, Sunapee, and Washington, provided that the line does not interfere with public travel.

This ordinance being in conflict with the ordinance heretofore passed, the latter is hereby repealed.

Elise Martin was placed upon the indigent list.

Messrs. McGee, Cloutier and Laffeur having been appointed a committee to examine and ascertain the cost of putting the assessor's office in a proper condition, reported that they examined the same and found it in need of a desk, additional shelving and of a railing.

On motion of Mr. Laffeur, the report was accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, the petition of citizens of Upper Grand Prairie and Faubourg in regard to amending the law, was granted, and the assessor to be changed from Cocodrie to the woods only, said line to begin at Wilson's bridge, on said bayou, to Conway's plantation in Lake Co. and said line to be fence be kept up on the line of fence bordering on the woods and gate on each lane leading to said woods.

Mr. Courtney in the chair.

On motion of Dr. Cloutier, the report of Mr. Bergeron, relative to the petition of citizens of Faubourg relative to being removed to the vicinity of Bayou Boeuf and Big Woods, praying for a change in the west line of said road, was received and committee discharged.

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