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Church Directory.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services at Opelousas every 3d Sunday of the month at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. At Bellevue, the first Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
REV. GEO. FRAZER, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.—At Opelousas, 1st, 3d and 4th Sabbaths 10 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At Bellevue, 2d Sabbath, 11 o'clock a. m.; 3d Sabbath 3:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School 10 o'clock every Sabbath.
T. S. RANDLE, P. C.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—There will be divine service in the "Church of the Epiphany" on the 2d Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and on the 4th Sunday at 3:30 p. m., the Rev. A. B. Price officiating.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Opelousas, on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of every month.
REV. PHILLIPS, Pastor.

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, (advertisements 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. The sheriff of this parish has been making himself especially zealous in the matter of securing advertisements for the paper of which he is director and stockholder, and several publications 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 as others have been diverted from us at the special solicitation of the sheriff or his deputies serving the papers in the matter of notices.

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 warned against allowing themselves to be induced to consent that the advertisement should be done in some other paper.

Our rice mill resumed operations last Monday.

District Court, civil term, opens here next Monday.

Plant your Christmas ads and reap the benefits of the holiday trade.

Sells Bros' Grand Show will be here next Wednesday. See advertisement.

The hard times are completely offset by the low prices at Jos. Bloch's.

The electric belt man, with minstrel attachment, is entertaining daily audiences on the courthouse square.

The mellifluous notes of the merry-go-round organ has broke loose again in our midst, and the kids are happy.

The Police Jury was in session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The proceedings will be found in another column.

Now that money is fairly in circulation should be the time for our merchants to send in their cards to the COURIER.

The ball given by the O. P. L. & D. A., last Wednesday was a gratifying success, and proved a most enjoyable affair to all who attended.

Mr. Hugh Watson has purchased the St. Mary Banner, published at Franklin, La., and will take charge of the paper on the first of next month.

Jos. Bloch will astonish you in low prices. He carries a full line of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, etc., and is selling them to suit the hard times.

We acknowledge receipt of complimentary tickets to the Grand Annual Ball of the Opelousas Social Club which comes off Thursday, Nov. 30th, 1893.

Keep your eyes on the advertising columns of the COURIER. Our readers will oblige us by dealing with those whose name and business are found in this paper.

Mr. J. B. G. Donato, has had his wonderful invention on exhibition at the Boardin place in town since last Wednesday, and may be seen in operation up to and including Sunday, tomorrow. We acknowledge receipt of complimentary admission tickets.

The following preliminary examinations were held this week before the District Court, Judge W. C. Perrault:

Julien Broussard, colored, accused of murder; discharged.

Jean Rusette, colored, accused of rape; discharged.

John and Sam Bell, colored, accused of murder; discharged.

Charles Pitre, colored, accused of murder; discharged.

The New York Journal of Commerce is authority for the statement that this country has \$100,000,000 more now than in 1892—and proves it with figures. The people possessing this cash will greatly oblige by bringing it out and putting it in circulation. A good paper to begin with will be the newspapers. Let every man in the country pay up his back subscription and there will be plenty of money in circulation.

Gusman Stelly was shot by Louis Sancier last Saturday night at Léonville, the ball from a 38 calibre pistol entering the breast near the centre of the collar bone going through to the back near the shoulder blade, where it was cut out by Drs. R. M. Littell and H. Chachéré. While the wound is a dangerous one, it is thought Stelly will recover. Sancier is in jail. All parties are white. We have not learned the particulars of the affair, but are informed that there is a woman or two at the bottom of it.

Water Works.

Attention has been invited to this matter at different times but without any practical results.

We have recently been handed some estimates of cost which we incorporate in this article and to which we invite special attention. In doing so we would not have our readers believe we regard the plan proposed as being the only one worthy of consideration. It is only one. There may be others, but we have had no figures presented showing feasibility and costs. If our city government will deign to give the subject a careful investigation, it is probable more acceptable propositions may be made and thus afford a choice among them.

That we need water-works in Opelousas requires no argument to prove. Every reflecting person, whether property holder or not, sees how we are exalted upon by all the fire insurance companies. The rates at which they grant policies are simply enormous, and yet in view of the risk they assume in the absence of any means of extinguishing fires, are after all not to be wondered at.

Here is one proposition with a business-like estimate of costs. Main street is from end to end, 14,464 feet in length. It is proposed to lay a 6 inch pipe its entire length. To lay cross-pipes at alternate cross streets over the town. To put up a tank of 24,000 gallons capacity 60 feet high on the court house square and to make all complete furnishing the source of water supply for \$30,000.

The town being already in possession of an engine sufficiently powerful can pump the water in the tank once or twice a week or possibly not so often at a trifling cost, or arrangements could be made with the Ice Co. on reasonable terms. With pipes at the alternate cross streets the hose of the engine is sufficient to throw water on any building situated on the intermediate squares.

\$30,000 dollars seems a large sum for a town like this, and so it is but if the property holders will make the town a more fire proof place, and twice a week or possibly not so often at a trifling cost, or arrangements could be made with the Ice Co. on reasonable terms. With pipes at the alternate cross streets the hose of the engine is sufficient to throw water on any building situated on the intermediate squares.

We have no datum on which to base our opinion having never investigated but we nevertheless firmly believe that enough money is paid in premiums to meet the annual payments which would be required to have the work done. Such installments would soon cease and the insurance on town property would necessarily be diminished so greatly that every one could afford to take out a policy. As it now stands it cannot be done. The poor are not able to insure.

A Terrible Calamity

It is impossible to conceive a more heart-rending and hope-crushing calamity than that which befell Judge and Mrs. A. B. Iron, at Gola, on Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Their little daughter Edith, from being with and doting upon them with all the love and tenderness our race is capable of, was, by stands about one hundred yards from the dwelling, to take her brother his dinner. He was attending the gin. She had been gone but a very few minutes, when cries of distress reached the ears of the parents. They hastened to the gin to see what had happened, and on reaching it, beheld the body of their darling child entirely severed from its body. The child was robust, docile, affectionate—almost idolatrous of the mother, and very intelligent for one of her age, being about eight years. No one saw how the accident occurred, the brother being up stairs at the gin stand.

Edith was the only child of the mother, and was naturally, the "ocean to the river of her thoughts." With her, life was all sunshine, without her, gloom and grief.

Time and religion alone can modify the sorrows that oppress these fond parents.

Such calamities call for, and arouse the deepest sympathies of every human heart, made acquainted with them.

An exchange says that the Populist party is now interesting only because it is presenting a series of dissolving views. The recent elections certainly show that the Populists are fading rapidly away in Kansas and Nebraska, which States were their strongholds, while they failed to make any showing at all in Virginia.

Everything that a sacrifice at Bloch's—dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, furniture, groceries, saddlery, wagons, agricultural implements, etc. Bring the cash and take the goods at your own price.

J. T. Stewart wants two thousand bushels of corn; carries a full stock of lumber, four grades of shingles—coal and painter's supplies, and defies competition.
J. T. STEWART.

For SALE—1000 bushels red rust proof good oats. Fat hogs and hard. One good hay press.
A. DIMMICK, Bellevue, La.

Fancy articles, staple drugs and chemicals, popular patented remedies, &c., at Bailey's drugstore.

Boer on draught, fresh from the refrigerator at five cents a glass at Firmberg's saloon.

Jos. Bloch's is the place to leave your small change and get some of his great bargains.

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

Do not fail to see Jos. Bloch's winter goods before buying.

The Big Show of the World.

Twenty-second annual tour of Sells Brothers' enormous united shows.

On Wednesday, November 22, the famous Sells Brothers will visit Opelousas with their entire colossal array of Circuses, Menagerie, Moorish Caravan and Spectacular Pilgrimage to Mecca, Regal Roman Hippodrome, Olympian Elevated Stages, Tropical Aquarium, Aviary, Royal Japanese Troupe, Arabian Nights Entertainment and splendid Free Street Parade. Had not Adam Forepaugh made his exit from mortality's great arena, presumably to manage a galaxy of stars elsewhere, he would be forced to concede that Sells Brothers now have essentially the Greatest Show on Earth, and the only legitimate one of its kind left. A menagerie which includes among many rare wild beasts the only pair of full grown Hippopotami, worth \$100,000, is something to boast of. Other notable exclusive features are a most singular Hairless Horse, a whole flock of stately ostriches, and the finest pair of cattle ever known—veritable mites from old time. The program of Hippodrome races is upon a truly imperial scale, and introduces the greatest drivers, riders and athletes of both sexes, including an astonishing troupe of Berber and Bedouin gymnasts. The newly-devised spectacle of the Pilgrimage to Mecca will introduce many rich, striking and romantic novelties. Excursions on all railroads.

Personal.

Mr. Jules Québécois of Prairie des Femmes gave our office an appreciated call last Monday.

Miss Alice McKinley, left Thursday, for a visit to relatives in Alexandria.

M. L. Swords, Esq., returned Wednesday evening from a brief visit to the Crescent City.

Mrs. Dr. T. B. Hopkins, Mr. Frank, Misses Ida and Susie Hopkins, all of Lafayette, have been visiting friends and relatives here and returned home Monday.

Miss Katie Hayes of Big Cane, is on a visit to relatives here.

Dr. W. D. White of Abbeville, La., was on a visit to relatives and friends here Wednesday.

Judge A. W. Dejean of Plaquemine Ridge was in town Wednesday.

Major Mouton of Prairie Mamou was calling on his numerous friends in town this week.

Mr. D. Durio, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. H. Comeau and child, with Mrs. C. Comeau and daughter, Miss Vidalia, and Mrs. W. R. Cochran, left on the noon train Tuesday for a trip to the Crescent City and Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—The Louisiana State building at Jackson Park has been sold to Mr. Horn, of this city, for \$500. The sale is considered a good one, when the prices offered for State buildings are considered.

There were nine bidders for the magnificent Pennsylvania State building, and the highest bid was \$850.

Mr. Horn has entered into a contract with Commissioner Butler to place the grounds in the same condition in which the State received them. Mr. Horn has purchased the pavilion belonging to the State in the Forestry building, for which he paid \$100. The State building will be removed to the Lake Geneva, Wis., where the owner will use it as a summer home.

Down in the eastern portion of the State, the people are saying: If your property was assessed last year at \$100 and the government got along on a six mill tax, and this year that same piece of property, worth not a cent more than last year, is assessed at \$200, don't you sort of feel as though you were paying a twelve mill tax?—Lake Charles Echo.

The person who didn't sort of feel that way ought to be indicted and sent to jail where interdicts are now being sent for want of room in the Jackson Asylum.

If not six mills formerly, and twelve mills now, it is six mills now and three mills formerly or in that proportion. Take your choice.—B. R. Capital Item.

Look out for Him.—A man answering the following description entered the premises of Rev. F. Raymond, at St. Gabriel, yesterday evening, broke open his arm and stole out of it what money he could find, with a pocket book containing valuable papers. The man is about 23 years old; well built; about 5 feet, 8 inches high; fair, reddish complexion; clean face; black, curly hair; blue eyes; weight, about 160 pounds. He had been sheltered for 10 days by the Rev. Father, but he proved to be one of the tramp fraternity.—Home Journal, Plaquemine.

Peizoto is making the officers and the men on the foreign war ships at Rio Janeiro feel decidedly nervous. It appears that he will soon send up a balloon and drop dynamite on the vessel of Admiral Mello, but in view of the fact that the marksmanship of the Brazilians is notoriously bad the dynamite is as apt to fall on the decks of an American or English man of war as on one of the vessels of the insurgents. It is quite probable when the balloon goes up there will be somewhat of a scattering of the ships in the harbor of Rio.—N. O. Daily States.

The government of Honduras has apologized for its unintentional insult to the United States flag. The American mail steamer Costa Rica, was fired upon seven times last week at Amapala, because the captain refused to surrender Bonilla, the Honduran revolutionary, who was a passenger of the Costa Rica. The action of those who fired upon the vessel was disavowed, and some regret that it occurred is expressed.—City Item.

Old newspapers for sale at this office at 20 cents per hundred.

Death of John McCormick.

The duty of announcing the death of a good citizen, who throughout his life was closely and intimately identified with us, is always a melancholy one.

John McCormick who departed this life at Lake Charles, La., on Thursday, Nov. 9, 1893, at the age of 58 years, was a native of St. Landry. At an early age he went into the office of the Opelousas Gazette, edited by Geo. W. Addison, and there learned the art of type-setting, etc., to some degree of proficiency.

Subsequently, he entered the office of the Opelousas COURIER, which about that time was established by Joel H. Sandoz, in this town, nearly forty-one years ago. He continued to work there until he became thoroughly acquainted with the business of the COURIER, being an organ of the Democratic party, and an exponent of its principles. McCormick became thoroughly indoctrinated with them, and ever after devoted his efforts to their vindication and propagation. From the day he began the duties of his vocation, his life was gentle. All the essential elements of Christianity were strongly commingled in his nature. The result was that he never indulged in flagrant disregard of its precepts. Unostentatious, the even tenor of his life was uniformly placid. Firmly fixed in his own convictions, he never wavered with others, who did not concur with him, and never did more than reason with them as brothers.

While uniformly zealous in the propagation of his political faith, we are not aware that he ever made a personal enemy by offensive utterances.

Here, where he was born and raised, he was universally esteemed, and we doubt if any one had a stronger hold on the affections of the people, or will leave a more fondly cherished memory.

We find in the Lake Charles Commercial of the 11th inst., a very appropriate and touching tribute to his memory, written by R. Harrison, who appears to have known him well. We heartily endorse his feeling encomiums. For many years he had lived in Lake Charles, where he established, edited and ably conducted the Commercial until failing health compelled him to vacate the Editorial Chair and to lay down his faithful pen.

The hand of affliction has been weighing heavily on him for many months—during which the pure ore of his nature was made to shine the brighter, until it lost its brilliancy to human vision in the brighter glory of Heaven. Very many will lament his demise, and with us, tender their enduring sympathies to his sorrowing family.

It seems to be pretty generally conceded that the blood-thirsty demons who are only insane on our subject, that of holding office, should suffer the penalty due for their crimes. A few wholesome examples of swift punishment would do much toward abating this form of insanity.—Lake Charles Echo.

Mr. Caffery's admirers lay much stress upon the fact that the junior Senator has the courage to represent the people. We, of North Louisiana, wish he could be convicted of a sense of his duty to our section, and then we, too, could applaud him for his courage.—Mansfield Democrat-Journal.

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

TO THE PUBLIC.

When the undersigned went into the business of purchasing cotton seed with T. J. Thompson, he gave his word and published a card stating to the people that he would pay at the highest market price for the seed for seed. What was meant and what was stated to the public was the proposition that we would pay within the highest market price, thereby giving to the planter all that he could legitimately get, and at the same time we would pay the highest market price for the seed from the 29th day of September to the 8th day of November. Notwithstanding the pledges we had made, J. Thompson and Mr. C. B. Steele without my consent entered into an understanding with Messrs. Ike Ross and Thos. Skinner, making the three firms to pay one dollar less than the legitimate price, thereby making two dollars per ton profit, or one cent more than the people should stand.

Mr. Thompson may have been justified in this regard, but the fact that many people patronized the warehouse the highest market price, that indictment being made by Mr. Ross in the magnificent offer of from 10c to one dollar per ton, which amount was a dead loss to the buyer, as it was bound to come out of his pocket.

Now, I write this card to say that since the above agreement was entered into I have not been responsible for whatever was the seed market went. I have utterly repudiated such a compact and have withdrawn from the seed market.

I asked for and obtained from Mr. Thompson and his assistant, Mr. C. B. Steele, the amount of money offered to the public to buy seed, that score I am satisfied. In conclusion will say that the Union Oil Co.'s manager, I feel assured will not quote any more than will legitimate and fair.

M. L. SWORDS

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Williams, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Nov. 11, 1893, Judge T. S. HOWELL to Miss DORA WILLIAMS, both of Ellisville, Miss. Miss Williams was formerly of Opelousas.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY.

OPELOUSAS, Nov. 13th, 1893. Present: Mr. J. B. Bergeron, President; Messrs. Dupre, Courtney, Guilly and Evans. There being no quorum the Police Jury adjourned till 3 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.
The Police Jury met at 3 p. m. Present, Bergeron, President; Messrs. Dupre, Fontenot, Courtney, Guilly and Evans.

On motion of Mr. Bergeron, the petition of citizens of Grand Prairie praying for a change of road was laid on the table till next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Fontenot the petition of citizens of Grand Prairie praying for a change of road was taken from the table.

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