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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, (court 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. The staff of this parish has been making a special study of the matter of securing the sales 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 paper of their choice, had they been consulted, and others have been diverted from us at the special solicitation of the sheriff or his deputies serving the papers in the matter of seizures.

Candidates for State Senator.

CROWLEY, La., March 26, 1894.
At the request of many friends, both from this and St. Landry Parish, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Dallas B. Hayes.

GUS E. FONTENOT.
March 10, 1894.

WE are authorized to announce Mr. HOMER BAROUSSE, of Church Point, as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to nomination in the Democratic primary to be held in this Senatorial District on Saturday, April 7, 1894.

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

Get our prices for job work. Prices moderate.

Prescriptions filled at all hours at Bailey's drugstore.

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

If you wish to have a Land Entry made call on Ben Bloomfield, United States Commissioner.

Direct from factory, a full line of Patent and Plain Ice Cream Freezers, at C. Dittien.

Boys, go to Hack's hardware store and get your base ball outfit—ball, bat and cap—for 16 cents.

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

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

Beer on draught, fresh from the refrigerator, at 5 cents a glass at Firberg's saloon.

Peerless and Early Rose plant potatoes and fresh garden seeds at L. Stuart Sandoz's, Veltin's old stand.

Plantation Arnica Liniment is sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Sold by Shute & Duson.

Fancy paper and envelopes, albums, toilet articles, soaps, perfumeries, etc., at Bailey's drugstore.

Have you tried Plantation Liver Pills for habitual constipation? They are perfectly splendid and a sure cure. Price 25 cents. Sold by Shute & Duson.

Hack's hardware store is just in receipt of a full line of sporting supplies—fish hooks and lines, bobs, sinkers, etc.

If you need a pair of Jeans Pants ask for "The Buckskin Breeches." They are the best made, and if they prove defective you get a new pair.

I am now selling beef at the market at 10 cents per pound and on and after May 1st will reduce the price to 8 cents per pound. ALPHONSE REED.

Mr. R. Morabivetz left for Peoria, Ill., Sunday and expects to be gone several months; during his absence Mr. E. D. Barfield will have charge of the business.

If you should require anything in dry goods, shoes, hats, groceries, don't fail to go to Clements & Healey's Green Store, where all such goods are sold at lowest prices.

Dr. Dason, specialist, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Hours from 10 a. m. to 12 m. Office with Dr. I. E. Shute, Landry street, between Court and Main, Opelousas, La.

Oh, my poor back! No excuse for it—Plantation Anti-Pain Porous Plasters with capicum will cure it. Sold and guaranteed satisfactory by Shute & Duson.

Remember, if you want to make entry of land for Homestead or to make final proof and get your patent, call on the United States Commissioner, Major Ben Bloomfield, U. S. Commissioner.

Dr. W. M. Thompson keeps drugs, patent medicines, fancy articles, school supplies, stationery, Blank Bro. candles, Florida celebrated paints, oils, varnishes, and everything kept in a first-class drugstore.

Everything at 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.

Is your life worth 50 cents? Dumb Chills, Congestive Chills, Death. This is the evolution of your chilly sensation. Plantation Chills Cure will cure you, or it will cost you nothing. Sold by Shute & Duson.

If you fail to get your COURIER at your post-office, drop us a postal card notifying us of the failure, and you will get the missing number by mail. We are very careful about mailing papers, and sometimes they miscarry or get lost in the general shuffle.

"On the Outer Wall, the Cry is Still They Come."

We reproduce an extract, published by the Gazette, of Lafayette, taken from Henry Watterson's Louisiana Courier-Journal. We wish our readers to read it, it states a patent fact, the existence of which is observable everywhere. And right here we respectfully suggest to the Clarion that, the Courier-Journal being an acknowledged Democratic paper, it may be necessary for it to read its articles on adherence to the party. According to its (the Clarion's) mode of reasoning touching the utterings of our little sheet, it must believe the Courier-Journal is going over to the Populists or Republican party. If it does, it should utter its timely voice, and warn it of the dangers of apostasy. As it has patriotically undertaken to correct us whenever it thinks our judgment errs in matters of party creed, it might not be inappropos to call Mr. Watterson to account, and remind him of the danger of apostasy.

There are many other journals which are taking the same view of the situation. Until recently they have kept silent—indulging the hope that the trend of politics might promise something encouraging. But instead of this the outlook is becoming more desperate.

Mr. Dimmick's Address.

In this number of our paper we publish in full the graphic address read by our fellow-citizen, Mr. A. Dimmick, before the State Agricultural Society which met at Opelousas in January last.

We take pleasure in commending it to the attention of our readers. It is full of practical lessons, good suggestions and sage advice.

Mr. Dimmick is known to be an eminently practical man in all that relates to that which concerns farming. Much of his life has been spent among the sustaining and frugal people, and his graphic description of their habits of domestic life and careful, cautious industry is well worth studying. He has photographed their lives as farmers, and the picture is life-like and beautiful.

By virtue of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Lee Camp, No. 14, U. C. V., held on the 17th of March, 1894, the following Committee was appointed to prepare a memorial to the State Legislature relative to pensioning poor and crippled veterans of the late Confederate army and navy:

L. D. Prescott, Chairman,
Arthur Simon,
B. F. Hardesty,
Dr. Theogene Chacheré,
Albert G. Fontenot,
Laurent Dupré,
C. W. DuRoy,
Frank Wharton.

This committee was directed to address all the camps in the State requesting them to address a similar memorial to the Legislature.

Two alarms of fire were given early Tuesday morning, one at the residence of Dr. A. Little and the other at John Simms, located on the corner of U. S. V. The fire was extinguished in both cases before the arrival of the engines and before much damage was done. At Dr. Little's a hole was burned in the roof and at Simms' the ceiling at the place where the stove pipe entered was ignited and the flames began to spread with a rapidity that was alarming. The different fire companies promptly responded to the alarms, and the steamer already had steam up when it was turned back, all danger having passed away.

On Wednesday last three prominent members of the "F. M. C." and better known as H. K. Kossoff, Little Kossoff and Ace of Spades, took down a dip net, net, lines, poles, and Snake Poles, started out for a jolly time at the dam, just east of town. After dipping and polling about for some time they managed to "snag" 175 perch, minnows, tadpoles and catfish. A snake met here and there in a plentiful way there was not a drop of "pizen" left on their return. We are pleased to hear that none of them were seriously bitten.—Devil.

Sunset is a place where Good Friday must be remembered. Our clever friend and former townsmen Jno. Darby, now Constable of Opelousas and a denizen of Conlee Croche, to spend that day in jail, they having violated the laws of the State. After paying their fines they departed from Sunset on foot for a six miles walk to their home.

Candidates are reminded that the Couriers special facilities for election campaign printing—election tickets, posters, circulars, etc. An ample supply of election ticket paper (official) in stock and orders filled on short notice.

The Executive Committee of the People's party has endorsed Mr. Archie Hoffbauer, of Acadia, as a candidate for the State Senate. We publish in this issue the proceedings of the committee held in Plaisance last Saturday.

The Scientific American is the best educator you can place in the hands of your boy. Only \$3 per annum. We will forward subscriptions without extra charge. Call and see sample copy.

The St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association is an important factor in the upbuilding of Opelousas. Take a few shares, benefit yourself and assist in the good work.

If you want to make application for entry of land, call on Maj. Ben Bloomfield, the old Confederate soldier and United States Commissioner.

The latest and prettiest styles of Ladies' Low Quarter and other Shoes have just been received at Clements & Healey's, Landry street, Bridgeville.

If you have to make final proof for your homestead, call on Maj. B. Bloomfield, United States Commissioner.

Middling cotton sold in New Orleans last Wednesday at 7 3/16 c., and rough rice at \$1.50 to \$4.00 per sack.

Ladies' sobby Low Quarters and other grades of Shoes sold at cut prices at Clements & Healey's.

Official Ticket Paper.

We have an ample supply of official paper for printing election tickets. Orders filled without delay.

Mrs. Mary Perkins has opened an ice cream saloon at the corner of Main and Bellevue streets. See advertisement.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 26, 1894.
President Cleveland probably never did a harder or more wearing week's work than that which has just closed. Last Monday Vice-President Stevenson signed the bill for the coinage of the scignior and it was once placed in the hands of the President. Since that time he has devoted his entire time to the bill, and although no announcement has been made to that effect, the opinion seems to be gaining ground here that he will veto the bill. If he neither vetoes nor signs the bill by Thursday of this week it will become a law without any action on the President's part. The veto of the bill will be a great disappointment to Democrats from both the South and West in Congress, but if it is vetoed no attempt will be made to pass it over the veto.

Secretary Gresham smashed some precedents when he signed the new treaty with China in advance of the action of the Senate upon it, but it was the sensible thing to do, even if garbled extracts from the treaty had not leaked out and been printed in papers unfriendly to the administration. Of course Secretary Gresham would have preferred that the making public of this treaty should have been deferred until it could have been accompanied by the commercial treaty, to which it was the stepping stone, and which has been negotiated and is now awaiting the approval of the Chinese government. The present treaty relates entirely to the rights of the citizens of the two countries who live adjacent to each other, contains several marked concessions concerning the coming of Chinese to America. For that reason it is objectionable to some of the Senators and Representatives from the Pacific coast, but in view of the advantages it gained by the commercial treaty, the opposition will be strong enough to endanger the ratification of this treaty.

Third of Politics

Editor Tinnard, of the Shreveport Times, who is every day saying good things in his paper, never said anything better than the following:
"The late war Louisiana has been satiated and nauseated with politics. The people have been made the tools and playthings of demagogues whose single aim was self. Bitterness of feeling, rankling jealousy, the overthrow of inherent rights and privileges have been engendered that have been hateful and hurtful in their tendencies and effects. This can be remedied and only through and with the consent of the people. The ambition of the individual to inherit rights and privileges have been the election of men who by honest methods shall secure the greatest good to the greatest number."

Birmingham Reunion.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 28.—Quartermaster General J. F. Shipp, of the United Confederate Veterans, has today issued his official announcement of the reunion of the Confederate Veterans at Birmingham, Ala., on April 25 and 26.

General Notes.

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Which is the Better Way.

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Latest designs in fancy cards, envelopes, etc., just received at this office.

Henry Watterson Lectures the President.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Henry Watterson says in his paper, the Louisville Courier-Journal: No party ever came into power with so great an opportunity, and no one ever put a great opportunity to such base uses or cut so poor a figure. All is clear, and for the time being all seems lost. Mr. Cleveland could yet retrieve the fortunes of the day if he could get rid of the terror into which his message of 1887 threw him, when he realized his meaning and would not stoop from the moneyed influences which appear to have gotten so complete possession of him as they had of poor General Grant.

It is not too late for Mr. Cleveland to recover his lost popularity and to do his country incalculable service by the enlightened display of some of that backbone for which he has received so much credit. Instead of frittering his strength away by an unseemly wrangle with the New York senators over pickle-herring issues of New York origin, revolting to the good sense of the people at large, he were better engaged in the work of uniting the party upon the line of the national platform. The latter half of the year will have to be the time to fill. The promise as to the repeal of the tax on state banks still stands where Mr. Cleveland's own friends placed it. It is yet possible to call a halt upon the late wretches' over-pickle-herring policy who masquerade as democrats in the senate and to force them to come back to the party or to get out and take the consequences.

Tired of Politics

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AROUND THE EMPIRE PARISH.

Haaville, March 27th, 1894.

From what can be learned from those who have lived for many years in this locality this has been by all odds the hardest year so far ever witnessed, in its extremes of rain, cold and disagreeableness.

Both yesterday and this morning we had ice. All young and tender garden plants are killed. Fortunately very little corn is up to be injured, but that which is up is evidently destroyed, and the ground will have to be gone over and planted again.

Our prospects for a large fruit crop were never better than it was yesterday morning, the 26th. Now the outlook for fruit is indeed gloomy.

Planters after a long and tedious spell finally succeeded in bringing to a close a close planting. The acreage has been somewhat increased above that of last season. But the uncertainty of sugar now resting in the hands of the law-makers, causes a great amount of dissatisfaction to exist in the minds of our planters in regard to the future of the sugar industry.

The discontent which has been created by the present administration, the army of breadless, starving working men and women, shops closed, business deranged, loss to wage workers and farmers, is what is termed Reform Democracy, is the sooner the country can get from under its blighting influence the better off it will be.

A terrible murder occurred yesterday on Elm Bayou. A negro by the name of Anthony Jones deliberately cut his wife's throat with a razor. From what your correspondent can learn Jones had been out at work in his field early in the morning. Returning to his house for breakfast, and finding that his wife did not have it, he became enraged and cut her throat. At last accounts the officers were hot on his trail, and it may be by this writing he has been apprehended. It is getting about time to do something to stop the carrying of concealed weapons, and among them the deadly razor.

The public roads of the country are not as good as we have seen them. Corn and cotton planting was never so late as it is this season. There are yet thousands of acres of land unbroken, that have to be turned and prepared before seed can be put in the ground.

Gardens are yet in bad shape. The few remaining potatoes have been trampled and killed. Early potatoes have been planted but are in very bad shape. The ground being wet and cold there is some doubt about the potato giving much yield. But let us cheer up and be good to the better time that's coming.

ILLINOIS.

Bayou Chicot.

March 26, 1894.

Dr. Marshall Compton, a dentist of Lloyd's Bridge, spent several days here after a pleasant stay at several days with friends here returned home on Friday.

Corn is slowly coming up. Cotton planting will be at least two or three weeks behind last season.

When you give the senatorial matter a thought remember that Gus. Fontenot is "Buddie" State's man for the place. He is known by all and will surely please all.

Do you know the reason the election for prohibition was not ordered? Don't all speak at once. The reason is that Sam Haas left for Rayne on last Wednesday and returned home on Friday. He reports having a good time with the boys.

Arouze, Ve Democrats and turn out on April 7th, and cast your vote in the primary for Gus E. Fontenot.

The Bayou Chicot Base Ball Club was organized during the week under the name of the C. M. Thompson Hustlers, with H. L. Erick Manager and M. N. W. Secretary and Treasurer.

Jno. Bond, Esq., a prominent planter of Beaver Creek, was in town on Sunday and reports bad roads, planting at a standstill, but everything lovely for "Buddie" State's man for the place.

Our well known bachelor still wears a lonesome look and has not smiled in several weeks.

CHICOT.

Port Barre.

March 28th, 1894.

Cal is coming with a few dots from Port Barre. He hopes to be as welcome at the COURIER as she was by the Democrat. How sorry I was to bid the dear old D. farewell. Wish the editor success in his new stand.

East Sunday was cold, cloudy and windy, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the sale of the church pews exceeded that of other years. Monday morning weather fair, cold and windy with ice, which is quite late in the season for such severe cold.

Mrs. Cogniez, of Jeanerette, is the guest of her brother, Rev. Father André.

Miss Philomene Robin, who is attending Mrs. Hayes' school, spent Easter at her father's, Hon. Placide Robin. She was accompanied by Miss Pearl Chacheré, of Opelousas.

Jos. Déjean's two sons, pupils of the St. Landry High School, also spent Easter with their parents.

The Bayou Courtableau is very high and still rising, due to recent heavy rains, but still no fears of inundation are entertained.

The planters are all very backward in the crop due to all year long bad weather. There is very little corn planted.

Where, Oh! where is Tomp Tipt that he does not write?
Ever faithfully, Chicot, I read your pieces with pleasure, as they remind me of olden times.

Ben Melancon, of Port Barre, but formerly of Opelousas, visited that town yesterday and called on his good girl, who reports having had a breaking off with her, but still he is not heart-broken over the affair as he looks brighter to day than usual.

Miss Ida Callahan spent a part of the Holy week in Opelousas, where she had gone to visit her sister Lou, who is attending the Catholic convent of that place.

Personal.

Hou. G. L. Dupré visited Sunset on Monday.

Jno. M. Ogé, of Grand Coteau, was in town on Sunday.

L. J. Derbès, of Washington, was on our streets on Thursday.

Rev. Father Clark, of Chataignat was in town on Wednesday.

Dr. Théog. Chacheré, of Plaquemine Ridge, was here on Wednesday, in spite of the bad roads.

A. J. Müller, of Washington, was smiling the frosty air of Opelousas early Friday morning.

Marks Finberg has returned from Kansas City, where he has been purchasing some fine horses.

Miss Cecile Voorhies, of St. Martinsville, was in attendance at the Voorhies-Simon wedding here Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Durand, of St. Martinsville, spent a couple of days in town during the early part of the week.

Messrs. Leonce Dupré and P. Zerout, of Washington, were in attendance at the ball given by the O. P. L. & D. A. on Thursday.

The many friends of Mrs. Theodore Chacheré will be pleased to learn that she is gradually recovering from her long and painful illness.

Mrs. Dubuisson, wife of our popular District Attorney, has been quite ill this week, but at last accounts, we are pleased to say, was improving.

Hon. C. C. Dason spent several days here this week. It is not often that such an announcement can be made, for he is frequently "on the wing."

Prof. John L. Seales, who is now teaching in St. Landry parish, made a flying visit to this place last Saturday—Mansfield Democrat-Journal, March 24.

Our office was favored with several pleasant visits during the week from Mr. W. M. Reese, who is located here in the interest of the Air Gun Clothes Washer.

Miss Inglis Frazer, an accomplished daughter of Rev. Geo. Frazer, of Crowley, after a pleasant stay of several days with friends here returned home on Friday.