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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 instructions as to where they desire such advertisement 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 sheriff's 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 COURIER, 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.

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.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
—FOR—
State Senator, 12th Senatorial District:
HOMERE BAROUSSE.

Candidate for State Senator.

At the request of my many friends of the People's party I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator to succeed Hon. D. B. Hayes, subject to the election to be held April 24, 1894.

ARCHIE HOFFPAUIR.

The ice factory has been given a new coat of paint.

Get our prices for job work. Prices moderate.

Prescriptions filled at all hours at Bailey's drugstore.

Get ready for the grand May Ball, May 3d, by the O. S. C.

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

Lion, the barber, has received his bathing apparatus—a first-class outfit.

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. Dietlein.

Read our Washington letters if you want to learn what is going on in Congress.

Boys, go to Hackl's hardware store and get your base ball outfit—ball, bat and cap—for 15 cents.

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

Jos. 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 Firnberg's saloon.

Plantation Arnica Liniment is sure cure for *Rheumatism and all pains.* Sold by Shute & Duson, Opelousas, and G. R. Tolson, Melville.

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

Dr. Irion's office hours are from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. On Saturdays, from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Have you tried Plantation Liver Pills for habitual constipation? They are perfectly splendid *and a sure cure.* Price 25 cents. Sold by Shute & Duson, Opelousas, and G. R. Tolson, Melville.

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

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.

Mrs. J. A. Gil has opened a boarding house in the building on Court street lately occupied as a residence by Parish Treasurer Chacheré. Coffee at 11 o'clock daily.

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

Dr. Duson, 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 capsicum will cure it. Sold and *guaranteed satisfactory* by Shute & Duson and Dr. G. R. Tolson, Melville.

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

Dr. W. M. Thompson keeps drugs, patent medicines, fancy articles, school supplies, stationery, Blank Bro.'s candies, Pitkins' 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 Chill; Congestive Chill; Death. This is the evolution of your chilly sensation. Plantation Chill Cure will cure you, *or it will cost you nothing.* Sold by Shute & Duson, Opelousas, and Dr. G. R. Tolson, Melville.

Don't Be Too Hard on Him.

The long standing animosity of the New Orleans States towards Senator Hill has always been a mystery to us, for we have long regarded the States as one of the strongest exponents of straight-laced Democracy in the country and Senator Hill has ever stood squarely up to straight party doctrine and been an indefatigable worker for Democratic success. The splendid management and magnificent leadership of that greatest of Democrats has frequently extorted the warmest and highest expressions of admiration from the States, but every now and then some evidences of its ill-will towards him will crop out. We regret to observe that the intimation given by Senator Hill that he would oppose the passage of the tariff bill unless it was amended so as to meet his views has afforded to the States another opportunity to attack the great New York leader. In making this threat Mr. Hill only adopted the tactics which the Louisiana Senators had recourse to when the House refused to place a duty on sugar; and that the threat in both cases was a mere bluff is generally understood in the best informed circles in Washington, where it is confidently asserted that not a single Democratic vote will be recorded against the bill on its final passage. The Louisiana Senators having escaped the States' violent denunciations, it is (with us) a matter of sincere regret that our most eminent leader—a man who has endeared himself to every true Democrat in the land by his bold, able and *successful* leadership—a man who has done more for the party than a million Whites and Cafferys—should not have been treated with equal consideration by the organ *par excellence* of the unterrified Louisiana Democracy.

The Church Point Advocate takes exception to our statement that if elected Mr. Barousse would doubtless vote for Goldbug Caffery for U. S. Senator. It denies that such is the case, when the fact must be patent to it (unless it is actually blind) that in the very nature of things Caffery will of necessity receive his vote if it is needed to send him back to the Senate. We do not care to bandy words or split hairs with it, but will merely say that if it does not *know* that our statement was correct it is wofully ignorant of the matters it attempts to discuss; either that, or the Opelousas politicians, friends and supporters of Mr. Caffery, who brought out Mr. Barousse and conducted his campaign, have made a dreadful miscalculation. The Clarion, the organ and mouthpiece of these politicians, never chirped one word of denial to the charge we made, not as a "rumor," but as a logical deduction from the well known facts of the case; and those politicians who were personally taxed with political dishonesty in soliciting the suffrages of silverites for a man who would vote for a goldbug never attempted to deny the ugly attitude they were placed in but tried to laugh the matter away, averring that silver would be attended to later on, &c.

It is currently reported that a prominent Alliance man who voted for Mr. Barousse in the late Democratic primaries, and urged his friends who belong to that organization to do likewise, came to town last week and unblushingly said to some of Mr. Barousse's friends and managers here: "Well, we have helped to place your candidate in the field. Now you must do the rest—we have a candidate of our own." While we do not believe that this man correctly stated the position and designs of the large body of honorable members of the Alliance who participated in the primaries, we again urge our friends to go to the polls next Tuesday and vote and work for the nominee. The Populists and Republicans will defeat him unless the men who participated in the primaries go to the polls and give him a solid vote.

The Southern Pacific Co., Atlantic System, has recently issued a very interesting 90 page pamphlet, profusely illustrated and neatly printed, containing much valuable information, concisely arranged, and entitled "Southwest Louisiana." This valuable publication cannot fail to prove of general public interest and especially interesting and useful to the home seeker from abroad. In our next issue we propose making some liberal extracts from this work which will no doubt prove interesting to our readers.

An old colored woman by the name of Margaret, while fishing on the banks of the Calahan bayou, near the railroad bridge, on last Saturday, was instantly killed by an enormous limb of a tree falling on her. The limb was so large that it crushed and terribly mutilated her. She had two grandchildren fishing with her, but fortunately neither of them was injured.

With a Hill in the presidential chair the party would be on the high road to victory. As it is—don't mention it.

Every pair of "*The Buckskin Breeches*" has a printed guarantee in the pocket. If you need a pair of Jeans Pants insist on seeing them. They fit better, look better and wear better than other makes.

Hon. Danial W. Voohees, U. S. Senator from Indiana, will please accept our thanks for a copy of "The Tariff and Administrative Customs Acts of 1890," and the new tariff bill as reported to the Senate from the finance committee March 20th, 1894.

Eulogies on the late Senator Randall L. Gibson are to be delivered in the House to-day by Gen. Henderson of Iowa, Gen. Hooker of Mississippi, Gen. Joe Wheeler of Alabama, Mr. Springer of Illinois, ex-Senator Blair of New Hampshire, Mr. Breckinridge of Arkansas, Messrs. Meyer, Price and Boatner of Louisiana, and others.

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

Farmers should grow a good supply of stock feed this year. The late freeze has hurt oats in the West.

The famous Breaux Bridge Band will play for the May ball of the O. S. C., on the 3d of May.

Spring chickens for sale at Branch Store of J. K. Sandoz & Bro., Bridgeville.

The O. S. C. will give a grand May ball on May 3d; don't miss it.

Shelled corn, butter and eggs at Veltin's old stand at lowest prices.

Personal.

Hon. C. C. Duson was seen on our streets on Thursday.

Dr. Z. T. Young, of Ville Plate, was in town on Saturday.

Sheriff Lyons, of Acadia, spent a couple of days in town this week.

Miss Trust Foster, of Plaisance, spent several days in town during the week.

P. S. Pugh, Esq., an attorney from Crowley, visited Opelousas this week.

Dr. J. H. Parker, a leading Ville Plate physician, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frankel, of Crowley, visited relatives in our town this week.

Parish Treasurer Chacheré and family spent several days at Whiteville this week.

Dr. Jno. A. Haas, of Ville Plate was in town on Thursday in his usual good spirits.

Mr. Walter Smith, of Thibodaux, spent several days here during the week.

Miss Mathilde David, of Port Barré, was in town during the week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Dr. W. M. Thompson left on Saturday for a short stay with relatives in Alexandria.

T. J. Thompson, Esq., took the noon train for Crowley Sunday, returning Monday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Théog. Chacheré and Miss Lucy Moore, of Plaquemine Ridge, spent Tuesday in town.

Dr. Théog. Chacheré, of Plaquemine Ridge, was in town on Monday and dropped in to see us.

The vivacious Miss Dot Blanks, of Bellevue, spent the week in town visiting old schoolmates.

Mrs. Kate Thompson and children, of Opelousas, are visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. M. Ryan, of Alexandria.—Alexandria Democrat.

Among the representatives of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V., to the great reunion of Confederate Veterans at Birmingham, Ala., who leave to-morrow, we note—Dr. Théogène Chacheré and lady, Capt. J. P. Smith and lady, Capt. Sam. Haas and lady, Dr. A. E. Arnold, and Leonce Sandoz and daughter, May.

A meeting of the newly elected members of the Town Council was held on Thursday when the following officers were chosen: C. J. Thompson mayor; Ike Roos treasurer; Arthur Déjean constable and collector; W. R. Cochran clerk, S. L. Hebrard street commissioner; C. F. Garland attorney, B. A. Littell physician; Wm. Cullom night watchman. Salaries were fixed as follows: Treasurer $75 per annum; Constable and collector $600 per annum and 4 per cent on collections; Clerk $100 per annum; attorney $100 per annum; physician $75 per annum; night watchman $50 per month.

The New Orleans papers announce in big letters that Senator Caffery has declared that he will vote for the tariff bill now before that body "as reported by the finance committee"—(said committee has made provision for a duty of from 1⅛ to 1⅛ cents on sugar). When the income tax feature of the bill is amended so as to accord with the views of Senator Hill that gentleman will doubtless agree to vote for it also. He will then be *almost* as good a Democrat as Mr. Caffery, and the Democratic papers which have refrained from abusing Mr. Caffery may quit abusing him.

Mrs. Florence Wartelle closed her school at King's Bridge, two miles east of town, last Thursday. The closing event was celebrated by an entertainment given by the pupils, for the purpose of raising funds to repair the school house. Dialogues, recitations, &c., were the order of the evening, and the children acquitted themselves splendidly—Miss Fannie McSpadden deserving special mention. Mrs. Wartelle deserves great credit for the showing made by her pupils. The amount realized is $25 45.

The Hettie Bernard Chase dramatic company will close a three nights' engagement here to-night in that magnificent play, "Damon and Pythias." The fine comedy "The Coquette," will be given in matinee this afternoon at 2. Prices for matinee: adults 25 cents; children 15 cents.

This troupe played to a full house on Thursday night and gave complete satisfaction.

This establishment was profoundly shocked last Tuesday by the appearance of Mrs. Clara Perrault's gamemede at our office door loaded down with a cargo of delicious ice cream. When our astonished force had sufficiently recovered to take in the situation (and the cream) it was promptly done, and the verdict was unanimously reached that Mrs. P. can't be beat on ice cream. Her courtesy to this office is duly appreciated.

We understand that Mr. H. E. Estorge has been appointed janitor of the U. S. Courthouse and Postoffice building in Opelousas. We congratulate him as the first McEnery Democrat who has got an office in this town since the present State and Federal administrations came into power.

The May ball on the 3d of next month promises to be a grand affair, and the O. S. C. will spare no pains to make it so.

Ladies' fine shoes, elegant dress goods, men's wool hats, &c., bought at a sacrifice, will be sold at ridiculously low prices by L. Stuart Sandoz, at Veltin's old stand. It will pay you well to call and price these goods.

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.

Ben Bloomfield, United States Commissioner, attends to Homestead entries and Final Proofs.

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

Town Attorney Garland—yes, that sounds about right; it is C. F., not R. E. L. But either one will do.

General Notes.

Ex-Senator Jos. E. Brown, Georgia's great war governor, was 73 years old last Sunday.

Henry C. Ives, of New York, the "Napoleon of Finance," died at Asheville, N. C., Tuesday night of consumption.

Gen. Kershaw, of South Carolina, a leading ex-Confederate, died last week and was buried on Saturday at Camden.

Gen. Henry M. Slocum, of New York, died last Saturday in Brooklyn, aged 67. After the war he served several terms in Congress as a Democrat.

David Dudley Field, the eminent lawyer, died last week. He was a brother of Judge Field, of the U. S. Supreme Court and of Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic cable fame.

Persons representing 727,000 shares in the Panama Canal enterprise met at Paris, April 4, and resolved to intrust a syndicate of five with the founding of a new company to complete the canal.

Twenty-five mass meetings were held by the workingmen of Vienna, April 8. Most of the speakers addressed their audiences on the necessity of obtaining a universal suffrage bill from the government.

Senator Zebulon B. Vance, of North Carolina, died in Washington last Sunday night, aged 64. He was deservedly popular with all classes and was three times elected governor of his State and three times United States Senator.

There has been much rioting among the students in Warsaw in consequence of the expulsion from the university of students suspected of Nihilism. The disturbances were quelled by troops, and many of the rioters were arrested. The university has been closed.

A Warsaw newspaper correspondent says that the commercial treaty between Germany and Russia has revived trade wonderfully. In Warsaw the hotels are fuller than for several years. The Russian railways are in need of more freight and passenger cars.

Every Democrat who is intelligent enough to appeciate the condition of affairs knows that the party has been betrayed by those who were expected to stand to the obligations they had assumed. No man can shut his eyes to these things. But if every Democrat in the land were to turn his head away, the facts would remain the same. We cannot avoid danger by ignoring it.—Atlanta Constitution.

Vote For Barousse.

Mr. Gus. E. Fontenot has issued the following card to his friends who supported him in the late primary:

Recognizing the faithful service rendered me during my late candidacy for the Democratic nominee as State Senator, I take this means of returning my earnest thanks to the many friends throughout the district who labored so faithfully in my behalf. My request to all who supported me for the nomination is that they lend their aid to the election of my successful opponent, Homer Barousse.

GUS. E. FONTENOT.

Crowley, La., April 10, 1894.

What it Means.

N. Y. World.

It is useless to deny or belittle the fact that there is widespread reaction among the voters of this country against the Democratic party. The town elections in Ohio, Illinois and Michigan tell the same story as those of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and the State election in Rhode Island shows the same causes at work in a more important field. And the reaction is not only sharp but it is persistent. It is even more manifest in the Spring elections than it was in those of last Fall.

There can be no dispute as to the fact that the political tide is running strongly against the Democrats. As to its meaning, there is room for a wide difference of opinion. The protectionists in both parties profess to see in it a reversal of a verdict against McKinleyism that was rendered so overwhelmingly in 1890 and 1892. The anti-Administration Democrats insist that it is due to Mr. Cleveland's deficiencies as a party leader. The Cleveland Democrats and the revenue reformers regard it as the result of the "hard times" through which the country has passed during the last year.

There is an element of truth in all these, but the real cause of the reaction is popular disgust with a party which can do nothing apparently except wrangle and dodge. The Democrats in the House, and especially those in the Senate, have presented a spectacle of impotence and cowardice from which any party in the best of times would suffer greivously.

The elections of the last five years have shown that there is no stable majority in the country for either party. The voters are obviously seeking for some party that will carry out bravely and honestly when in power the promises it made when in opposition. They have not yet found one, and there will be no political stability until they do. Reactions are sure to follow victories that simply substitute one set of greedy, dishonest and evasive partisans for another.

It is Mayor Thompson now.

When will we get that street sprinkler?

We have had several very warm days this week.

It is Constable Déjean yet, and Town Physician Littell and Clerk Cochran still hold the fort.

Watchman, what of the night? Let Special Officer Cullom answer.

Councilman Roos got all the money (to take care of) and Councilman Hebrard got the only office in which there was none; but he has a good field in which to distinguish himself, and if he only does as well as his predecessor he will earn the gratitude of the whole community—which is better than gold.

MARRIED:

PULFORD—DIMMICK—At the residence of the bride's father, in Bellevue, April 17, 1894, Dr. F. J. Pulford and Miss Stella Dimmick.

DUNBAR—PRESCOTT—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. L. D. Prescott, at Washington, Tuesday, April 17, 1894, Mr. W. C. Dunbar and Miss Lizzie Prescott were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. Father D'Hommel officiating.

The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for their future home in Prairie Mamou where Mr. Dunbar is extensively engaged in the cultivation of rice. May their fondest hopes be realized with a full fruition of their hearts' desires.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 9, 1894.

The result of the first week's debate on the tariff bill in the Senate is not encouraging to those who wish for speedy action on the bill, and Senators Hill, Murphy, Brice and Irby, who, intentionally or unintentionally, aided the republicans in their efforts to delay the debate, have been sharply criticised by democrats. Senator Hill's speech today has also brought additional democratic criticism upon his head. It was, of course, expected that the republicans would resort to fillibustering when the democrats began to take steps to bring the debate to a close, but to the surprise of everybody they began fillibustering for delay almost at the very beginning of the debate, and it is clear that they intend to keep it up to the end. Senator Harris, who has charge of the bill, proposes to force a show of hands this week, by asking that the sittings of the Senate be prolonged two hours a day and that the tariff bill be taken up earlier each day. He intends to put the Senators on record in order that the country may see who are in favor of pushing the debate to a conclusion and who are the obstructors, and he doesn't believe that when the issue is squarely raised any democrats will be found in the latter class.

Ex-Speaker Reed capped the climax for absurd and needless fillibustering on Saturday when he prevented the carrying out of a special order setting apart that day for eulogies on the late Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, by forcing an adjournment by raising the point of no quorum.

Representative Meyer, of Louisiana, has introduced a bill for the coinage of the seigniorage, which meets the objection raised in the President's veto and also adopts his suggestion of providing for an issue of bonds. But somehow the bill isn't popular.

Washington, April 16, 1894.

Speaker Crisp was not and is not an advocate of counting a quorum, although it was advocated by good democrats long before Czar Reed was ever heard of outside of the town in which he lives, but it became his duty as chairman of the committee on Rules to obey the caucus resolution directing that committee to prepare and report to the House such a rule, and, like the good democrat he is, he obeyed, and the new rule will be reported to the House and probably adopted this week and when once adopted he will see that it is properly carried out and that members are not counted whether present or not, as Reed used to do.

In this connection it is proper to state that the democrats of the House were not driven into taking this action, which so many democrats of prominence personally opposed, by the republicans as they are claiming. It was the refusal of the republicans to vote that kept the House tied, except during the short intervals when there was a democratic quorum present, for almost a month, thus making conspicuous the necessity for counting a quorum or allowing the business of the House to be dictated by the republicans; but after all it was not the republicans who forced the democratic caucus to do what should not have been necessary, but which was absolutely necessary. It was the inability of the democratic leaders to keep a democratic quorum on the floor of the House that did the business. They concluded that they had tried and failed so often to keep a democratic quorum that it would be a good idea to make the republicans help by counting them when they refused to vote, and at the same time, thank Heaven, they are going to make the absentee come to time or forfeit his pay while absent without leave, except when sick and unable to attend to his duties.

The general debate on the tariff bill will, by agreement, close next Monday. Then the Senate will begin the consideration of the bill by items, a process which promises to be long and tedious. Senator Smith, of New Jersey, delivered a tariff speech to-day somewhat in line with that delivered by Senator Hill a week ago, but not so radical. The fear of the defeat of the bill is only in the opposition papers; it does not exist among the democratic Senators who are managing the bill. They expect that those democratic Senators who stated at the caucus held previous to the reporting of the bill that they reserved the right to propose some amendments on the floor of the Senate will secceed in getting some amendments adopted, with the aid of republican votes, but they have no doubts about the final passage of the bill; nor do they believe that a single democratic vote will be cast against it when the final vote is taken.

Senator Morgan's report on the new Nicaragua Canal bill is strong and convincing, concluding thus: "The plan and certain effect of this bill if it becomes a law will be put into active business employment $100,000,000 borrowed from our own people without risk to the government. It would furnish good and wholesome employment to 50,000 Americans, who are marching on the highways, begging for work and often for food.

The Washington Herald says that Mr. Barousse's nomination "seems to be an uprising against the domination of the old ring rule," &c. It occurs to us that the "old ring rule" is a rather intangible substance just now, the "old ring" having been supplanted by a new one some time ago; and we would venture to suggest that the Herald, while keeping close watch on the "old ring" might profitably turn one of its optics upon the new set of leeches who are just now borrowing money at a healthy rate of interest to pay the salaries of its friends—a high-handed proceeding which the "old ring" in its palmiest days never had the nerve to attempt.

Vote for Barousse next Tuesday. If you voted in the primaries good faith requires this of you, no matter who you voted for; and even if you did not participate in the primaries you should, if you claim to be a Democrat, vote for the chosen standard bearer of your party.

District Court, civil term, Judge Perrault presiding, has been in session all the week. Most of the time of the Court has been taken up with the trial of oppositions in the matter of C. B. Andrus vs. his creditors, with Hon. E. N. Cullom judge *ad hoc.*

That was a "blessed" shower that fell on Wednesday night. It laid the dust which had already became almost intolerable. Oh, for somebody with enterprise enough to get a street sprinkler or two!

Get our prices for job work.

AROUND THE EMPIRE PARISH.

Chataignier.

April 4th, 1894.

Messrs. J. O. Chacheré and Alva Hargroder, of Opelousas, were pleasant visitors to Chataignier last week.

I saw an article in the Washington (La.) paper written by "Sadie," of Bayou Chicot, asking Toup Tit for a few items from Chataignier. In answer I will say with pleasure that I will send some very soon, although news out here is as scarce as money.

I hope that Miss Cal and myself will in the future be very punctual. As for Chicot, he is so faithful—if he is as faithful in his friendships Bayou Chicot must indeed be proud of her townsman.

Since the last week the crops and gardens are improving rapidly. There is but little sickness in the country now and the M. D's. are resting.

Lent is over and the matrimonial market has thrown open its doors. Chicot, where is your old bach.?

The new fence around the Catholic church out here is completed and quite an ornament to the church.

Mr. T. S. Fontenot has closed the gates of his pasture, also his son-in-law, Mr. Barthélemy Lafleur, and the public roads around them are a disgrace. Can the citizens of Chataignier endure this any longer? Mr. Lafleur's list was signed on condition that he gave a good road, and his road is simply a bog hole. These two men should either open their pastures or make better roads. With best wishes, I am

TOUP TIT.

Bayou Chicot.

April 16th, 1894.

Vote for Barousse.

Lay all prejudice aside and support the nominee.

We have no bosses. Let the people speak.

Don't be uneasy, boys; our time is coming. Go to the polls and vote for Barousse.

Capt. Sam Haas, after a week's absence, turned up all right on Saturday morning.

H. L. Erlich and M. Newman went to Opelousas on Sunday to see the boys from Alexandria do up Opelousas, but they didn't come.

Chicot always does the right thing.—Fontenot carried it in the primaries; Barousse will carry it in the general election.

Be on the alert. We learn the Populites supported Barousse to get Fontenot out of the way. Keep your eyes open.

Our section was visited on Saturday evening by a hard rain.

We have come to the conclusion that Hoffpauir has not enough power to win.

Dr. J. A. Haas and N. L. Erlich, two of Ville Plate's enterprising young gentlemen, were in town on Sunday.

The clouds denote more rain. Many of our farmers have not yet finished planting corn.

Boys, talk is cheap, but if you want to win lay off your coats and go to work and give Barousse a larger vote than was given him in the late primaries.

The C. M. T. Hustlers are anxious to tackle the Opelousas boys. Look out for fur when they meet.

CHICOT.

Haasville.

April 17th, 1894.

At last the season is beginning to grow brighter—warmer and more pleasant. The farmers in this and neighboring localities are now feeling more hopeful.

Corn is about all planted and much of it up to a beautiful stand—will soon be large enough to work the first time. Every available acre of land has been planted in corn, with the object in view to grow as much grain as is possible to be done in this climate.

The acreage to cotton cannot in the true sense of the word be termed small, yet it can't be said that it has been increased. One reason why so much cotton is grown in the South is because it is a bread and meat crop and that nothing else will pay rent and debts but cotton. Speaking of the "flat money," "gold standards," "bi-metalism," etc., cotton is the money of the South. Like silver, it may be depreciated by speculators and legislation, but supply and demand cuts no figure when it comes to its true value as a money crop, to aid in keeping the wolf from the door, etc. Moving the factories south to where the cotton is grown would tend to bring about many changes, not alone with the farming classes but among all lines of trade and business. New methods and diversity of crops would be brought about, the people would sell and buy at home, and better prices and wages would be realized from the products of labor and toil.

Plant cane is beginning to grow nicely with every prospect to date for a heavy yield this coming fall. The acreage is larger than that of last year. Here we stop to inquire, with the bounty to sugar killed what will the planter get for his cane? Look at the matter as you may, the prospect is a gloomy one indeed for the cane grower.

If we must have free trade, and nothing else will do, better far to at once accept the single tax theory of Congressman Tom L. Johnston and Henry George and be done with it.

There is no more profitable crop to be grown south than the sweet potato. Its true value is really not recognized as it should be. Prof. Massey of the agricultural college of North Carolina says that there is no reason why the sweet potato should not be grown and cured—"evaporated"—on the same plan and principle that our fruits are to-day, and like the evaporated apple or peach, when placed in warm water would resume its pliancy and freshness for cooking. Since the subject has been placed before the public, Prof. Massey says, Northern capitalists are investigating and looking into the matter, and he believes that ere long the growing and evaporation of sweet potatoes will become a paying business in the South. I wish to say that in writing this of the potato my object is only to bring out the advantages this country possesses in soil and climate for enterprises of this sort and all manufacturing industries.

One great trouble in regard to our sunny land, is that we are not known away from home. We don't advertise. Excuse the "we." I am not to say "native of the soil," but wish for the success of all parts of it.

There is very little building going on in the country at present.

The stave factory at Eola has started with every prospect for a growing business.

The farmers of Elm bayou have their crops well under way.

Gardens in the country are improving.

The last freeze left us a few peaches and plums.

Indications point to a large yield of dewberries and blackberries.

Corn is selling at 50 to 60 cents per barrel.

Oat fields give promise of a good harvest of grain and straw for feeding purposes.

New Irish potatoes will soon be on the market.

ILLINOIS.

A special to the N. O. Picayune, dated Washington, April 6, says:

Representative Tarsney, of Kansas City, Mo., where the Republicans have just elected by a majority of 7000 a mayor in a Democratic city, says there is no reason for the change, except the general demoralization which is felt everywhere. "There were local causes, too," he said, "but there can be no denying the existence of much dissatisfaction. Unless the present current is checked there will be a change in the political complexion of the Missouri delegation."

"I have just finished a tour of the southern states, from Virginia to Texas," said Mr. Geo. M. Hawkes, an observant commercial traveler, "and I took some pains to size up the sentiment of the people regarding the next Democratic nominee for the presidency. The practical unanimity of sentiment in favor of Vice President A. E. Stevenson as the standard-bearer in '96 was wonderful. Every Democrat from the Potomac to the Rio Grande is even now yelling lustily for Stevenson. From Alexandria to El Paso his name seems to kindle enthusiasm in the Democratic breast.

"The popularity of the vice president, however, is not greater than the unpopularity of Mr. Cleveland throughout all cottondom. The people complain that he has nearly succeeded in breaking up the Democratic party, and that he cares more for Wall street than for the interests of the masses. Now and then you meet a Cleveland man, but generally he is an appointee of the administration."

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC SALE.

PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

No. 5163.

ESTATE ACHILLE FONTENOT.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable Eleventh Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administratrix or any duly qualified auctioneer, at the principal door of the Courthouse in Opelousas, in said parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, May 23d, 1894,

the following described property, belonging to the estate of Achille Fontenot, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

The plantation where deceased last resided, situated at Niggerfoot in said State and parish, bounded north by J. T. Nolan, south by Jack Morgan, east by land unknown and west by Westly Budden, being same property acquired by deceased from Leon Godeau, Sr., Oct. 28, 1889, containing eighty acres, more or less, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon. Recorded in Book Y No. 2, page 180.

Terms—Cash.

MARIE BERTRAND,
Administratrix.

March 21, 1894.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

ESTATE OF AURELIEN VALIER.
No. 5298.

Whereas, Isaac Roos, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Aurelien Valier, late of the parish of St. Landry.

Now therefore notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said appointment, to file the same in writing in my office in the town of Opelousas, in ten days from the present notice.

CHARLES M. THOMPSON,
Clerk.

April 21, 1894.

NOTICE.

The public is warned not to trade or negotiate for a certain note for $333.33, signed by the subscribers in favor of E. R. Crooker, payable on Oct. 12, 1894, as said note was given through a misunderstanding of the facts and payment will be resisted by us.

J. B. COMEAU.
ETIENETTE BULLIARD.

April 21, 1894 1 m.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The public schools of St. Landry parish save those in Opelousas closed Friday, April 20, 1894.

A. L. FONTENOT, President.
W. S. FRAZEE, Secretary. ap21

Ice Cream Saloon.

MRS. MARY PERKINS

Respectfully announces to the citizens of Opelsas and vicinity that she has opened an ICE CREAM SALOON at the corner of Main and Bellevue streets, where a first-class article of Ice Cream, Cakes, etc., will be served in the best style at moderate prices. Special accommodations for ladies and children. mr31tf

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This drug is probably the most useful medicine in the world as a cure for fevers of various kinds, and for chills and fever; and as a tonic has no rival.

We also keep

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Sundries, Fancy Goods, Perfumeries, Combs, Brushes, &c.
SHUTE & DUSON.

NOTICE.

The First National Bank of Opelousas,

Located at Opelousas, in the State of Louisiana, is closing up its affairs. All note-holders and others, creditors of said association, are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the association for payment.

J. T. SKIPPER,
Cashier.

Dated, Feb. 3, 1894.

NOTICE

A STATE BANK has been organized under the title of the ST. LANDRY STATE BANK, with an incorporated capital of $75,000. The new bank is under the same management as the retired bank, and succeds to all the assets and assumes all the liabilities of the former bank.

J. T. SKIPPER,
Cashier.

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HOTEL DENECHAUD,

56 to 64 Carondelet St., New Orleans.

Centrally located near the Cotton Exchange. Large and Airy Rooms. Take the street cars at the Depot and the driver will put you out near the door.