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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.

Richard sells thread at 40 cents a doz.

Light the fire of patriotism in your heart July 4.

Get your machinery fittings at J. Meyers & Co.

Are you a subscriber to the COURIER? If not, why not?

Prescriptions filled at all hours at Bailey's drugstore.

When you are warm, tired and dusty, go to Ratcliffe's Ice Cream Parlor.

Molasses 25 cts. a gallon at J. K. Sandoz & Bro.'s Branch Store, Bridgeville.

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

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

If you feel badly, drink Orange Phosphate. At Ratcliffe's, on Main street.

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

Pineapple Lemonade, the latest drink. It is refreshing and delicious. Ratcliffe makes them.

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.

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.

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

The way to have loyal and patriotic citizens, is to teach it to your children, and in future years we can feel as we grow old that our country is safe.

Don't forget to have your Photographs made while the Palace Rail Road Photo Car is here. They will leave in two or three weeks.

A BARGAIN.—One of the most desirable residences in Opelousas is offered for sale or rent on easy terms. Apply to Mrs. G. W. Hudspeth, Opelousas.

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

Mr. B. F. Perley, the popular and experienced ginwright, will be in St. Landry next month, June, prepared to execute all work entrusted to him.

The best Jeans Pants on earth are sealed "*The Buckskin Breeches.*" Ask to see them and read the warranty in the pocket.

Almond macaroons, cocoanut macaroons and the finest French candy always on hand at Ratcliffe's Confectionery, under Opera House.

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

J. Meyers & Co. have just received two carloads of the celebrated OWENSBORO Wagons, comprising all sizes, both in Thimble Skein and Iron Axle, which they are offering at unusually low figures.

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, G. R. Tolson, Melville, and Blake & Durke, Washington.

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, Opelousas, Dr. G. R. Tolson, Melville, and Blake & Durke, Washington.

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.

You now have the grandest opportunity of your life to have fine photographic work done at less than half the usual prices at the Rail Road Photo Car. Come right along—sunshine or rain is all the same—you always get a fine finished photograph.

SOUTHERN ART CO.

Ballot Reform.

After all the fanfaronnade of clubs and journals on the subject of ballot reform in Louisiana, and the pretended concurrence of opinion therein by the members of the present Legislature, it now appears that nothing is to be done on the subject. And what is the cause of this? Are our legislators not sent to represent the people? Are they deputed to take care of themselves only? Do they imagine that the masses must suffer all the inconveniences of government resulting from dominant ignorance, that they may be returned to the legislature? They, or rather a controlling majority of them, seem to think they are sent there to take care of themselves, and not to answer to a very general *demand* of those who sent them.

If the people really desire to establish ballot reform they should mark well those who are opposing legislative measures to obtain it. The evils resulting from the present system of holding elections and of making official returns thereof are too well understood to necessitate any explanatory remarks.

It suffices to say, we are *sick, disgusted* with them and need and must have relief in some way. If the present Legislature will not give it, we will try to do better and to act wiser in electing legislators the next time. Those who stand in the way now must look to their laurels.

At a meeting of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, United Confederate Veterans, held in the town of Opelousas on Saturday, the 16th of June 1894, it was resolved to have a Grand reunion of confederate veterans and their families of this and adjoining parishes, at Woodworth's Springs, near Washington, on Saturday, August the 18th, 1894, and the following committee was appointed to carry out the purposes of this resolution, viz: Committee of arrangements Chairman, Capt. Sam Haas; Ozémé Fontenot, V. S Bourque, J. J. Thompson, Austin Lacombe, Louis Mann, Capt. L. D. Prescott, Dr. J. A. Derbanne, Phil. Jacobs, Frank Delarue, Laurent Dupré, Albert Guidry, Dr. Theo. Chacheré, B. Bloomfield, John N. Ogden, Leonce Sandoz, W. R. Cochran, Henry E. Estorge, Jones P. Smith, Diomel Durio, C. B. Andrus, E. T. Lewis, Tom O'Connor, Frank Wharton, M. G. Wilkins.

It is proposed to make this gathering the grandest ever held in this parish since the war, and the committee having charge of the affair is composed of zealous and active members who will spare no pains to make it a grand success. It is expected that special rates will be secured over the Morgan Railroad for the 18th of August, which will be announced in due time, as well as full details as to programme, etc.

OIL MILL.—We learn from a reliable source that a gentleman of experience with ample capital desires to establish a cotton seed oil mill here provided he can enlist the interest of our home people in the matter. If the business men of our town appreciate the advantages to the community of such an enterprise and will give it reasonable backing, one-half the amount required for an oil mill will be subscribed by outside capital and the management placed under the control of a board of directors of our home people. We think this opportunity should not be permitted to pass unnoticed, and would like to see some of our public spirited and enterprising business men take the matter in hand at once and see what there is in it.

The Clarion openly comes out at last and claims that no other paper should be allowed to publish the proceedings of the Police Jury *until it has done so!* This is what some people have been trying to bring about in a sneaking, roundabout way for some time, but none have ever had the courage to say so in this bold way. We will soon know what the Police Jury thinks of the alleged official journal's very modest claims, and will shortly have something more to say on the subject.

Are we to be left in total darkness in Opelousas? We understand that the contract for lighting our streets will very soon expire, and that nothing has been done towards making another.

We again suggest that the Police Jury and the Councils of Opelousas and Washington appoint committees of conference to investigate the cost and feasability of having an electric plant put up between Opelousas and Washington, by which both towns may be lighted. It is worth consideration.

The Louisiana Chautauqua will open at Ruston on July 2d and close Aug. 1st. The management have kindly sent us a season ticket which we would be delighted to use did circumstances allow. Every intelligent person in Louisiana—man, woman and adolescent—should, if possible, spend a week or two at Ruston next month. No matter what the sacrifice it may cost, they will never regret it.

Dr. W. M. Thompson has removed his drugstore to the building lately occupied by Shute & Duson, on Landry street, adjoining Mrs. Clara Perrault's, and nearly opposite Lacombe's stable.

The attention of rice planters is called to the fact that J. Meyers & Co. have constantly on hand a full supply of Irrigating Pumps. They make a specialty of the celebrated Irvin Van Wie Pumps.

The O. S. C. will give a grand German on Tuesday, the 26th inst. We acknowledge receipt of a complimentary ticket, and hope the young folks will have a good time.

The New Iberia excursion club will run an excursion from Washington to Houma on Sunday, July 1; also one from Lafayette to New Orleans on July 14.

We are indebted to Mr. Clément Chandezon for a photographic group of the Fire Department of Opelousas taken at the picnic at Kennison's springs on the 3d inst. Mr. Chandezon is not only a good baker but a very fair photographic artist as well.

Get our prices for job work.

What We Should Have Here.

We need a large sugar refinery in this place and our business men, the men of capital, are purblind in not having one erected. Many of them are vending goods to a large community of unthrifty people, people who work hard all the year and come out behind at the end of it. Mortgage is required to cover arrearages and to secure all future advances. The helpless debtor complies and meekly tries it again. The year ends and the moth of interest has consumed very much of the fruits or products of his labor. Again he falls short, and the merchants reach out for a stronger, firmer hold on his property; and this goes on until the farmer owns nothing and is left without credit. He then makes a sale of his farm, and buys it back again only to be allowed to work the elephant for the merchant. It must be apparent that if the farmer cannot pay out, the merchant makes nothing, for he must get his money back out of what the debtor farmer produces in excess of the necessary cost of production. The result of the farmer's failure to pay up is *ultimately* the financial embarrassment of the merchant. Thus money becomes scarce, and both must suffer and all the laboring classes with them. This is the condition of the country to-day. Our merchants handle comparatively little money and it follows as the night the day that those who work for them can get but little. The average farmer being helpless is not in condition to aid in putting up a refinery here. The merchants cannot hope to get from him what he owes them without making it feasible for him to make money out of his productions. It goes without saying that there are no profits to the farmers for cotton and rice raised by them.

There is money in cane raising. Our people are ready and anxious to embark in its culture, but cannot afford to do so as matters stand. There are not enough refineries within facile reach to warrant them in incurring the expense of engaging in cane culture. In this age of combines and trusts, they need some kind of protection against the tyranny of monopoly. It were wise in our merchants and other persons of capital to erect a large refinery here as soon as possible. A vigorous effort made in this direction would attract Northern capital and they would not be left alone to complete the work. The people should know that whilst we in St. Landry and in other sections of the State are suffering from the lack of money in circulation among them, there are millions in the larger cities awaiting investment. They should know that there is no scarcity of money in the United States; that it is not in circulation simply because the industries of the people—of the laboring, producing classes—give no guaranty of profitable investment. Those who have it justly and wisely think it better to lock it up in their coffers and in the banks than put it where it is almost certain to be lost.

There is not one of the capitalists whose money is thus idle, who would not rather invest it anywhere than lose the investment on it, if he could be made to see a *fair* chance of gaining by it.

The refineries everywhere have made money, and there is as yet no reason to doubt they may continue to do so. This being conceded, their erection would prove profitable to producers, who, by industry and ordinary economy, might hope to become emancipated from the slavery of debt and thereafter enjoy some of the luxuries of independence. Concurrently with such a result would be the payment of the merchants.

The town of Opelousas would be incalculably benefited and our property would augment in value two-fold in a short time. A refinery put in full and successful operation here would necessarily invite great numbers of laborers, all of whom would necessarily contribute to the trade of the merchants, and very many of the vacant lots would be taken up and improved by new comers. Laborers are proverbially liberal in their habits and the amount of money a large number of them would expend in this place, they being employed, is incalculable. Large sugar refineries necessarily employ many hands and their consumption of food, raiment, etc., is great.

The facility afforded to planters for selling their cane will speedily lead to its far more extended cultivation. Then would follow an ever increasing demand for and use of money. Vacant lands would be taken up and put in cultivation. Implements of husbandry would be required which could be supplied only by our merchants. Land would increase in value, carpenters would find employment, and new impetus would be given to every industrial pursuit.

We believe that with proper effort on our part Mr. Ferris, proprietor of the refinery at Barbreck, could be induced to establish a refinery here. We are informed that Lafayette has failed to secure the projected refinery for that town, and that Carencro is now making an effort to induce Mr. Ferris to build there, but we think that if Opelousas, which possesses so many advantages over either Lafayette or Carencro, would make the proper effort, Mr. Ferris might be induced to settle on our town for his projected refinery.

David P. Saizan.

Another of the old landmarks has left us to sleep the sleep that knows no waking in this state of existence. We allude to the demise of Mr. D. P. Saizan, of Port Barré, who, born at Léonville, in this parish, died at his residence on the 19th inst., aged 66 years and three months. He had been in bad health for a long time, but possessed of an indomitable fortitude, he kept up and until very recently gave personal attention to his business. He was a strictly business man and one who never left to others that which he could do himself. This was one secret of his success in accumulating a handsome estate. With other business he combined that of a merchant. Success attended his enterprises. He was at one time a member of the Police Jury, in which capacity he gave satisfaction to his constituents. He was eminently a practical man in whatever he undertook.

He was the father of Mrs. Placide Robin and of our popular physician, J. P. Saizan, Miss Bertha Saizan and Mrs. J. N. Robin, whom he leaves to shed filial tears on his grave and to bedeck it as the years roll by with floral tokens of sorrowing affection.

The deceased was respected and esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances. We tender our sympathies to his family.

The Bell-Cheney Springs.

Belle Cheney Springs were named many years ago for one of Bayou Bœuf's most charming young ladies, and though she has passed away, she will not be forgotten, as strangers inquire of the lady and cherish thoughts of the story.

Thus writes a correspondent of the Alexandria Town Talk. But this pretty story is a fable. As we have had occasion to remark before, the name *Bell*-Cheney, not *Belle* Cheney, was given to these springs on account of their joint ownership at one time, by two parties named Bell and Cheney. One of our oldest citizens, Mr. J. J. Beauchamp, who died here a few years ago, and who many years before owned the springs himself, personally assured us of this fact. As to the proper spelling of the words, we offer in addition this strong circumstantial evidence:

In the Opelousas COURIER of December 11, 1852, an advertisement appeared offering Bell-Cheney springs for sale. This advertisement was signed by Messrs. E. H. Martin and James Akenhead, both educated men; and we will say for the benefit of those who persist in spelling the name with an extra e and without the hyphen, that this advertisement was headed in large letters "Bell-Cheney Springs for Sale."

This was a very popular resort in those days; and, to show how it was fitted up, we quote from the advertisement alluded to:

"This property is situated thirty-six miles north of Opelousas, and the same distance south of Alexandria, in the pine woods, and besides the mineral springs and baths consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land.

"There are on the premises seven double cottages and three large houses for the accommodation of families, twelve cotttages for gentlemen, a large tavern house to which is annexed a commodious ball room, a large coffee house, stable and store house, with other necessary buildings.

"Besides which there is belonging to the establishment, good and substantial furniture worth between fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars."

An Act Concerning Franklin College.

The following act has been introduced in the House at the request of parties who take a deep interest in our High Scool, and will probably be enacted into a law:

AN ACT

To donate Franklin College at Opelousas, Louisiana, and all the property appurtenant thereto, including the one hundred and five arpents of land belonging to it, to the Board of School Directors of the parish of St. Landry and to repeal any other acts whatever relating to said property and inconsistent herewith.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened:

That the Franklin College at Opelousas, Louisiana, with all the grounds and appurtenances thereto belonging, and now under the control of the State Board of Public Education in and for the State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby donated to the present St. Landry Board of School Directors and to their successors in office, to be by said Board managed, rented, leased or sold in such manner or quantities as said Board may consider necessary, prudent and wise; *provided*, that all the proceeds of rents, leases or sales thereof shall enure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the present St. Landry High school, located in the town of Opelousas, Louisiana.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted &c., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent with the object of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted &c., That this act take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Hon. A. D. Lafargue, State Superintendent of Public Education, has sent us a copy of his voluminous biennial report to the General Assembly, for which he has our thanks. Besides the report proper the volume contains the proceedings of the State Board of Education at its session held at Baton Rouge in May, 1893; the minutes of the second annual convention of the Louisiana State Public School Teachers' Association held at New Iberia in December last; the reports of Parish Superintendents, of Teachers' Institute Conductors, &c. From the report of Institute Conductor Caldwell we extract the following:

The Opelousas Institue began Monday, June 12. The attendance of the teachers was uniformly good, and the zeal of the parish superintendent and the president and members of the School Board deserves the highest commendation. The superintendent and president were untiring in their efforts to advance the interests of the institutes and to secure the fullest attendance of teachers and the heartiest cooperation and support of the community. Opelousas would be an excellant place to hold a summer school, and I know of no city in the State where such an experiment would find surer conditions of success. The night meetings were largely attended, the courtoom being crowded to its utmost capacity at every meeting.

Of all the despicable and contemptible shuffling with a great, momentous question that public men were ever guilty of, the treatment of the question of suffrage by the legislature caps the climax. The people asked for bread and the constitutional commission proved equal to the emergency, but some very little men in the legislature now step forward and offer them a stone—worse than a stone, a Dead Sea apple which will turn to ashes on their lips. If the question of ballot reform is treated as it is proposed to treat the suffrage question, there will be a bloody revolution in Louisiana inside of eighteen months. We were standing on the crest of a volcano two years ago; if there is not a great change in election methods soon, in 18 months we will be squarely in it.

BRIEFS, for the Supreme Court, printed at this office with accuracy and on short notice.

Personal.

Mr. Casalé, a handsome young druggist of Moreauville, spent last Sunday in town as the guest of Mr. W. A. Sandoz.

Mrs. R. Cottingham left on Tuesday for Mississippi City for the benefit of her health.

H. L. Erlich, of Bayou Chicot, was here Thursday.

Robt. Lafleur, of Whiteville, was in town Wednesday.

Gustave Fusilier, of Eunice, was here on business this week.

Frémont Fusilier, of Ville Plate, was in Opelousas Wednesday.

Maj. Frank Wharton, of Chicot, was in town on Thursday distributing his cheery salutations to his numerous Opelousas friends.

Cadet Fritz L. Sandoz left on Wednesday for Norfolk, Va., where he will soon embark on the new warship Montgomery for a two years' cruise.

W. C. Lewis of New Orleans, a native of this parish and a gallant confederate veteran, was on a visit to relatives and friends here this week.

Hon. C. C. Duson spent a few days at home this week. He reports the future city of Eunice, on the Midland branch, on the onward march.

Prof. Henry G. Lewis, formerly of our town, now at the head of a flourishing school in Avoyelles parish, was on a brief visit to friends in Opelousas last Saturday.

Capt. Sam Haas, of Bayou Chicot, stopped over here Tuesday evening on his return from Crowley, where he had been on business.

M. G. Wilkins of Plaquemine Ridge, was shaking hands and swapping stories with the boys here Wednesday.

Messrs. Gilbert Baillio and Mark Lazaro, of Ville Plate, were in town this week.

Mrs. Dr. Louis Hadden, Mrs. John Fahey and Mrs. E. S. Andrus left on Wednesday for a visit to Livingston, Ala.

Mrs. C. C. Duson and Miss Lola returned home on Saturday, after a pleasant trip to Lake Arthur.

B. Chacheré and lady returned on Sunday from their bridal tour to the Crescent City.

Miss Emma Clifford, after a pleasant visit to friends in Lafayette, returned home in the early part of the week.

Miss Susie Thompson, who has been attending Soulé Commercial College in New Orleans, is home on a short vacation.

Miss Inez Broussard, of St. Martinsville, returned home on Monday after a pleasant stay of several weeks in Opelousas. She was accompanied by Miss Mabel Sandoz, who will spend some time with friends in *le petit Paris.*

The Races.

The races at Washington last Sunday, under the auspices of the Washington Jocky Club, were very interesting. There was a good audience, though not so large as at the previous races. The weather was all that could be desired. In the pony races there were six entries, viz.:—Mobile, by John Courville, of Washington; Maud S., by Edmund Quirk, of Begg; Creole Jim, by A. Mouret, of Opelousas; Black Boy, by F. C. Rodgers, of Washington; Bragg, by Valsin Richard, of Grand Coteau; Belle, by Alexandre Deville, of Washington. Quarter mile heats, best in three. This race was won by Bragg. Time, first heat, 25½; second heat, 26. Black Boy a close second.

In the trotting races, mile heats, best 3 in 5, there were three entries:—Aldebaron, by Frank Lamb, of Sunset; Black Count, by R. L. Harvey, of Sunset; Louis P., by O. J. Stokes, of Opelousas. First heat was won by Aldebaron in 2:43; Black Count second and Louis P. third.

Second heat to Aldebaron in 2:38¾.

Third heat to Louis P. in 2:36¼.

Fourth heat to Aldebaron in 2:36, Louis P. a close second in 2:36½ the race going to Aldebaron.

In the creole pony race, 200 yards, there were two entries—Bay Filly entered by Henry Lastrapes, Jr., of Opelousas, and Little Henry, entered by Chas. Gibson, of Washington, won by Little Henry in 11½ seconds.

The Washington Jocky Club have a fine track and propose giving an interesting series of races in the near future. The COURIER is indebted to the management for appreciated courtesies.

4th of July.

Are we to celebrate the 4th or not? We have twice before directed attention to it, but so far have failed to see or hear of anything being done in that direction. Is it not time to be up and doing?

If we cannot have an oration, let us at least have a meeting and read the Declaration of Independence. Certainly that can be done. Thousands may never yet have read nor *heard* it read. They are as little acquainted with it as many others are with the Mecklenburg County (N. C.) Declaration of Independence or with the Polish Manifesto.

Something New.

The Southern Art Co., with their Palace Rail Road Photograph Car is now in the city, located on the railroad track on Landry street. Everybody is invited to visit the car and see the fine work which they are turning out. You can now have your photograph taken at home without going to the city to get first-class work. During the stay of the Photograph car here, everybody will be able to get splendid work at a very low price. Cabinet size photos only $1.50 per dozen.

Our friend Major, who continues the mercantile business of the late firm of Delarue & Major, in Bridgeville, sent us on Thursday two fine stalks of cotton literally covered with blooms and bolls, some of the latter being as large as Guinea eggs. They were taken from the field of B. F. Robert, 4 miles west of Opelousas, and are remarkably advanced for the season.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 18, 1894.

Secretary Carlisle, in common with many prominent democrats, thinks the passage of a bill introduced by Representative Coombs, of New York, and now being considered by a sub-committee of the House committee on Banking and Currency, would be a very desirable thing. The bill provides for the appointment of a non-partisan currency commission, which shall devote the rest of this year to investigation and study of the subject and then report to Congress a bill for a complete banking, coinage and currency system which shall come nearer to meeting the demands of the country than what we have at present. The authors of this bill are C. N. Jordan, U. S. Sub-treasurer at New York City, and W. L. Trenholm, who was Controller of Currency under the first Cleveland administration, both of whom have appeared before the committee to argue in favor of its being favorably reported to the House. In view of the difference of opinion on this subject among democrats in Congress, so radical that it has so far defeated all attempts at financial legislation, it would seem that this bill is one upon which men of all opinions could unite. It could certainly do no harm, and, if the commission was properly made up, might do much good.

Senator Harris has to grit his teeth and bear the unexpected delay in reaching a final vote on the tariff bill as best he can, being unable to get and keep forty-three Senators on the floor continuously in order to force things along faster. The republicans took advantage of this to stretch the debate on the wool schedule out of all proportions and at this writing they are fillibustering against taking a vote upon it until wool is taken from the free list, and the charge is made, but will not vouch for its correctness, that they have been informed by several democrats of their willingness, if it can be done by agreement, instead of a recorded vote, to help them get a small duty on wool.

If the evidence taken by the House committee on Naval affairs can be substantiated, the government should at once cancel the contract with the Carnegie companies for armor plate for our war ships, and begin suits for the recovery of every dollar that has been paid to those concerns for plates that are not what they purport to be. This would, of course, result in delaying the completion of those ships yet to be armored, but it would be better that they never be completed than that the crookedness which has been testified to should be allowed to go unpunished. The committee is still taking testimony. It will probably be necessary to remove plates from a number of the ships in order to ascertain whether witnesses have told the truth or not, and that will consume considerable time, and make it impossible for the committee to conclude the investigation in time to report during the present session of Congress.

Every Senator at present in Washington, except Quay, of Pennsylvania, has declared under oath that he neither speculated in nor gave information to others to be used in speculating in the stock of the sugar trust. Quay says he has been speculating in sugar stock whenever he felt like it and that he is going to continue. The evidence did not surprise any sensible person, but all the same it was wise in the investigating committee to examine all the Senators beginning with themselves; it closes the mouths of the buncombe speakers and writers who have been continually asking "why not swear the Senators?"

We observe that some people who ought to know better still persist in spelling Ville Plate with two t's. *Plat* is a French word, and like *petit, grand,* &c., is converted into the feminine gender by the simple addition of an e. How would *petitte* and *grandde* look? Besides being the proper way to spell it, Plate is the simplest way—hence the way all should adopt.

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.

You ought to familiarize yourself with the Declaration of Independence.

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, Dr. G. R. Tolson, Melville, and Blake & Durke, Washington.

Everybody should read sturdy old farmer Adams' address to the Alliance, which we publish on an inside page.

If you want anything in the hot weather goods line, such as Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Water Coolers, Hammocks, Gasoline Cooking Stoves, Oil Stoves, &c., go to Hackl's Hardware Store Everything cheap there.

The finest and cheapest photographs in the country at the Rail Road Photo Car. Everybody invited to come and see.

If you can possibly do so, go to Ruston next week and attend the Louisiana Chautauqua. You will be amply repaid—tenfold, aye, one hundred fold—for your trip.

The W. D. Boyce Co., of Chicago, want a good hustling boy or girl in every town in the United States and Canada to sell their famous weekly illustrated papers, the Saturday Blade and the Chicago Ledger. They are to be sold on the streets, in shops, stores, etc. Thousands of boys are now making money doing this, as it is an easy matter after once fairly started. No expense to begin.—Send name to above address, and receive instructions and stationery.

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

A NEW sewing machine can be had CHEAP by applying at once at this office.

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DIED:

SAIZAN—At his residence at Port Barré, June 19, 1894, David P. Saizan, aged 66 years and 3 months.

DALY—At his residence, in Bellevue, June 20, 1894, Charles M. Daly, aged 71 years, 9 months and 11 days.

Rice Crop Bulletin.

The following is an epitome of Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons Bulletin No. 2, rice crop, dated June 15th, 1894:

In the states along the Atlantic Coast there has been fair progress; present condition good but with reduced area only about three-fourths average to be expected. Reports from Louisiana are depressing with prospects of a light crop. With the exception of a few highly favored localities, conditions have been most contrary and the outlook for crop not nearly so promising as last month. Until the present week there has been almost an utter absence of moisture, no inconsiderable per cent. of the earlier plantings killed outright. Reserves of water heavily drawn upon and in some instances exhausted. General rains are reported in the current week; planting has been resumed and will extend into the coming month. The total acreage is likely to be less than for several years. The crop, however, ought to be of high order as seed was good, ground exceptionally free from grass, and methods of culture greatly improved.

Bastrop Appeal: There are too many politicians interested to permit a reform of the ballot in this State. With many of them honest elections are not what they want. Like the Irishman who was assured by the presiding Judge that justice should be meted out to the prisoner, the witty son of Erin observed that justice was the very thing he most devoutly feared. Louisiana politicians, as a rule, are mortally afraid of an honest ballot.

Our country has some very strange business methods. In a land of plenty, honored with peace, it seems singular that six pounds of pork is now worth twenty pounds of sugar or sixteen pounds of cotton. Farmers! there is a whole sermon in the above.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE WEST, widow of JAMES McDANIEL.

No. —

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

Whereas, Gilbert Baillio, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Catherine West, widow of James McDaniel, 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.

June 23, 1894.

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, June 18, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles M. Thompson, Clerk of District Court, at Opelousas, La., on Thursday, Aug. 2d, 1894, viz.:

JOHN BOND,

who made Homestead Entry No. 14322, for the N½ of S W¼, N W¼ of S E¼ and S E¼ of N W¼ of Section 15, Township 4, south range 2 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: William McMillen, A. M. Godwin, Leon Johnson, D. W. Parnell, all of St. Landry Parish, La.

G. McD. BRUMBY, Register

June 23-6t.

NOTICE.

Persons having claims against the Teche R. R. & Sugar Co., Lim'td., are requested to observe that proof of them is required to be made *before me* at Opelousas, La. Read the notice given by John R. Jones, Receiver, dated May 21st, 1894.

E. NORTH CULLOM, Commissioner, U. S. Circuit Court, Western District of Louisiana. Jun26

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By the undersigned in Coulee Creche, a dark bay HORSE, about twelve years old, with a broken hip. Description of brand may be seen at this office. This animal has been ranging in the neighborhood since about four years. The owner is notified to come forward, prove property and take him away or he will be disposed of according to law.

ZEPHIRIN QUEBEDEAU, Sunset P. O. La.

June 23, 1894.—1m

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the name of Delarue & Major was dissolved on June 12, 1894, by mutual consent. L. V. Major will continue the business for his own account and assumes all liabilities of the late firm.

L. V. MAJOR, F. DELARUE, JR.

Opelousas, June 16, 1894—1m.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Teche R. R. and Sugar Company Limited, that ninety days from May 21st, 1894, is given them, within which they may present them to the undersigned for proof. I will hear them and take evidence in support of them, until Saturday, August 18th prox. inclusive.

E. NORTH CULLOM, Com'r. U. S. C. Court, Western Dist. of La.

June 13-3t.

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