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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.

Richard sells thread at 40 cents a doz.

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.

We have at last had one or two refreshing showers in this locality.

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 4 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.

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

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.

The culvert in the woods south of town recently complained of by the police jury is being put in proper condition by the railroad bridge gang.

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.

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.

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.

Mr. B. F. Perley the veteran expert ginwright is now here prepared to undertake any job in his line. Orders left at the Opelousas post office or at this office will receive prompt attention.

An effort has been made to get the Rev. Sam Jones to lecture here upon prohibition. His engagements are such that he could not come before October—too late for the July election.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Supreme Court.

The supreme Court of Louisiana opened here on Monday last, three only of the judges being present, to-wit: Chief Justice Nicholls and Associate Justices Breaux and Miller. We did not learn why Justices McEnery and Watkins were not present, but presume of course there was a good reason for it. The docket was short. We noticed the presence of a goodly number of visiting lawyers, to wit: Judge Taylor Beattie of Lafourche, Moïse and Hall from New Orleans, Weeks & Burke from New Iberia, Judge Mentz from Franklin, Bourges from Abbeville, O'Bryan & Pujo and W. F. Schwing from Lake Charles, and Mouton from Lafayette.

We seriously regret that this is to be the last term of the Supreme Court at this place. Ever since the organization of our government its sessions have been held here annually, and we have come to regard the Court as a necessary feature of Opelousas' make-up. The pleasures of seeing the judges and the men of learning of the legal fraternity from many circumjacent parishes of the State have always been anticipated with satisfaction, and all of us are saddened by the fact that they are ended.

We think the Legislature has erred. As great as our pride of New Orleans is, we are decidedly opposed to its absorption of all the advantages derivable from periodical intercourse and social communion with the many of the intellectual and refined men of the State.

While we submit to the law—to the inevitable—we would have it understood that we derive no pleasure from our deprivation, and that we would change it if we could.

C. A. Hoy.

Mr. C. A. Hoy died at Jeanerette on the 3d inst. The death of this gentleman is a great loss to this community. He came here over a year ago with Mr. Moresi, and cooperating with him put up an ice factory which proved a benefaction to all this part of the country. They were fortunate in reaching an abundant supply of the purest and most delightful water, and in an incredibly short time the two young men put up the machinery themselves and began to supply every demand for ice. Both proved to be sober and industrious gentlemen, and this community soon entertained a flattering opinion of them. Mr. Hoy, of whom it is our purpose to speak, was a modest man who pushed his business with great energy and constancy. We esteemed him highly and all trusted that he would be long spared to us. The news of his critical illness filled the community with deep solicitude and his demise has caused sadness and regret. He was a very valuable accession to the ranks of our business men and his future among us was bright with flattering promise. We need such men. His personal deportment was worthy of the imitation of every young man, so exemplary was he.

We tender to his bereaved family our sincere condolence.

We are informed that our unfortunate fellow-townsman, Mr. P. Del Buono, contemplates rebuilding on the lot he owns on Main street. The company in which he had insured his property has not yet paid him a dollar for his loss caused by the fire, although every person in the town knows that he lost three or four times as much as his store was insured for. Fortunately for Mr. Del Buono he is highly esteemed among us as a good and upright man. He is not *entirely* impecunious and has all the credit he needs.

If the insurance company in which his property was insured can obtain patronage or make money by the way it treats him, it must have a patented secret in the *modus operandi.*

Mayor Thompson imposed a fine of $8 on a party for carrying a concealed pistol in violation of a town ordinance. His counsel opining that the ordinance is unconstitutional carried the case up by appeal to the Supreme Court. On Thursday evening Judge Breaux, as the organ of the Court, read a lengthy opinion on the case in which he carefully reviewed many authorities and held that the ordinance is constitutional and that Mayor Thompson did not err in his judgment. By-the-by, our Mayor fills the chair with satisfaction, and is fast earning the reputation of a strict disciplinarian in municipal affairs. He evidently is determined that "no guilty man shall escape" the penalty of a violation of town ordinances.

On Tuesday last the long drouth we have had was broken by a good rain which lasted for three quarters of an hour. We fear it came too late to relieve and revive the early corn in this locality. Many of our cisterns had failed entirely. The gardens were greatly injured, and the grass on the prairie was so short that cattle could not thrive on it.

The next grand event of the season is the excursion from Lafayette to New Orleans on Saturday, July 14th, 1894, which leaves Lafayette on the morning of the 14th, at 7:30, and leaves New Orleans on the return trip at 4:30 p. m., on the 15th, giving excursionists the opportunity to witness the celebration of the Great French Fête. Fare from Lafayette and return only $3.50.

We are indebted to our accommodating young friend Lucius G. Dupré, Esq., and to B. F. Meginley, the efficient clerk of the Supreme Court, for appreciated courtesies.

A distinguished legislator was heard to say "we must keep the election machinery to count out the populists." And that is the true sentiment of the opponents of ballot reform. They want the counting machine to keep themselves and their friends in office. And they call this honorable democracy! Such doctrines are rank treason to the name of democrat.—Monroe Bulletin.

The next races over the Washington Jockey Club Race Course will come off on the 15th of July.

On Dangerous Ground.

The press of this State which supported Gov. McEnery in the last campaign has up to date been remarkably forbearing in its criticisms of the administration which was foisted upon the people through perfidy, fraud and all manner of abominations. Apparently imbued with the hope that the administration was endeavoring as best it could to give the people good government, and to thus atone in a small degree at least for the hideousness of its origin, this press has patriotically refrained from embarrassing this fraudulent administration by adverse criticisms, but on the contrary has frequently encouraged and commended it when its efforts were apparently exerted for the public good.

When it became plain, however, that the administration and its supporters were juggling with the most vital interests of the State and were trying to fool and hoodwink the people on the suffrage and ballot reform questions, these faithful sentinels promptly sounded a note of warning, imperatively called a halt, and plainly told the people that their unfaithful servants were determined to keep them in subjection through the same iniquitous and degrading system by which their liberties had been subverted two years ago. For this the administration, through its mouthpieces in the House and in the Senate, has arraigned the press as mischief makers who do not reflect the wishes of the people on those questions, and by parading the skeleton of the Louisiana Lottery hopes to arouse some of the old-time prejudices against a portion of the State press and thus discredit and belittle their efforts in the interest of common honesty and fairness in politics and in favor of good government.

Senators Lott and Seip should have thought twice before attempting to revive the issues of the last campaign. Good men may differ and have differed on such questions as the rechartering of the Lottery, but there *can be* no difference of opinion among honest and God-fearing men as to the heinousness of the perfidy, the iniquity and the fraud which these brazen and loud-mouthed demagogues defend, uphold and apologize for, and mayhap participated in, and by and through which the government that is now seeking to perpetuate itself by the same hideous means that called it into being was foisted upon a too submissive people.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The following decisions were read by the Supreme Court of Louisiana on the 5th:

Harry B. Hewes et al. vs. Jno. P. Baxter, tutor and test. ex., et al; judgment affirmed.

State ex rel. John Hill et als. vs. Judge Court of Appeals 3d Circuit; mandamus refused.

Leopold Levy vs. Leodice Landry; affirmed at appellant's costs.

Board of Police Town of Opelousas vs. Henry A. Giron; judgment appealed from affirmed.

State vs. E. R. Taylor; judgment appealed from quashing indictment affirmed.

State ex rel. Jno. Hill et als. vs. Judge Court of Appeals 3d Circuit; Mr. Justice Miller concurs in the opinion rendered by Chief Justice Nicholls.

Nathan Koch vs. Leopold Goudchaux; dismissed at appellant's costs on plea of want of jurisdiction.

Marc B. Tarlton vs. Abel L. Lagarde; judgment of lower court annulled and reversed.

Prohibition.

There is considerable stir among the people of St. Landry just at this time, caused by the approaching election on the question of prohibition. Public sentiment seems very much divided on it. The good people of Ville Plate propose to have a barbecue there on Sunday, 15th inst., and have invited several of our local speakers to be present and address them. Among them are Messrs. E. North Cullom, G. L. Dupré, Thos. H. Lewis, E. T. Lewis, W. S. Frazee, and possibly others whose names we have not yet heard mentioned.

The question is a very important one, and should engage the serious, candid and honest attention of every voter.

We are informed that free discussion will be allowed at Ville Plate, the object being to have the question of prohibition well understood by the voters, before they cast their votes.

This is a fair way of doing business, and we trust they will act wisely in the matter. The speakers we have mentioned are intelligent and will doubtless present the question in its best light. The citizens of Ville Plate will no doubt do all they can to render the occasion a pleasant one.

A meeting of the citizens of Opelousas was held at the Opera House Friday evening, presided over by Mayor C. J. Thompson, and which included nearly all the leading business men of our town.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted protesting against the proposed reduction of duty on uncleaned rice by the U. S. Senate. The initiatory steps towards building an oil mill here were taken, and the project started under very favorable auspices. A committee on organization and subscriptions was appointed, and those present started the Opelousas Oil Mill Co., with eighteen thousand dollars subscribed. Another meeting will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the Opera House, when it is expected that different propositions will be submitted for an oil mill.

Not only the St. Landry boys but the St. Landry girls have been gathering in the laurels at the schools and academies they have been attending. Miss Ida Vilaseca, the fair young daughter of our fellow-citizen M. Vilaseca, is one of those who has thus specially distinguished herself. At the commencement exercises of the Academy of the Holy Angels, New Orleans, held last week, she graduated in music and was awarded a crown of honor, diploma and gold medal. Accompanied by her justly proud father, Miss Ida returned home several days ago and is still receiving the congratulations of her many friends.

The Supreme Court refused the writ of mandamus applied for by Messrs. Thos. H. Lewis, K. Baillio and E. North Cullom, attorneys, &c., the purpose of which was to compel the Circuit Court of Appeals to try the suits enjoining the Sheriff of St. Landry from proceeding to collect the tax and local assessment of the Board of Levee Commissioners in this Levee District. The Court says in so many words that the Lorio case decided by their predecessors cannot be sustained and maintained as the rule in such cases. All such cases must be carried to the Supreme Court.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dietlein are sojourning at Sour Lake, Tex.

Miss Lillie Harris is on a visit to relatives at Long Beach, Miss.

Miss Rosa Firnberg and Mr. Aaron Loeb spent Sunday in Grand Coteau.

J. D. Currie, of Ville Plate, was a pleasant caller at our office on Thursday.

Miss Lou Lott, of Mobile, Ala., is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. J. Thompson.

Mrs. E. S. Andrus and Mrs. John Fahey returned on Tuesday from Livingston, Ala.

Messrs. Sam Butler and A. Levy attended a Chapter meeting in Alexandria on Monday.

Miss Florence Truman left on Tuesday for a visit to friends in Lafayette and Crowley.

Miss Birdie White, of Abbeville, returned home Wednesday after a short visit to relatives and friends here.

Mrs. O. A. Pipes, of Abbeville, made a flying visit to Opelousas on Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Skipper and Laurent Lacombe left on Sunday for San Antonio and other points in Texas.

Miss Aimée Mouton, of Lafayette, spent several days here during the week, the guest of Miss Bernadette Dupré.

Mrs. J. S. Butler and son, Howard, returned home on Monday from New York, where they had been for several weeks.

Mrs. S. Carter, mother of Mrs. A. Hackl, who has been on a visit here for several weeks, left for Trenton, Tenn., on Tuesday.

Goldman, the promising young son of Mr. J. Lassalle, returned last week from Spring Hill College, wearing several laurels worthily won.

Mrs. Jos. Bloch and daughter, Miss Julie, left early during the week for a three months' stay at Waukesha, Wis., and other summer resorts.

Prof. J. T. Barrett, of Crowley, was here on Monday in the interest of the Acadia College, of which he is the President, and gave us an appreciated call.

Among those who have recently returned from the Convent at Grand Coteau, we note the following: Misses Del and Jennie Thompson, Lydia Durio and Fannie Thompson.

A. Moresi returned from Jeanerette on Wednesday, where he was called to the death bed of his partner, the lamented C. A. Hoy, of the Opelousas Ice & Bottling Works.

"Bee" the bright little son of Dr. Boagni, returned from Spring Hill College several days ago with a number of trophies testifying to his application to his studies and general progress.

At the time when Blackstone lived it was considered absolutely necessary that any person ambitious to represent his constituency in Parliament should have a general knowledge of the laws under which he lived; in default of which he was supposed to be wholly unfit for such occupation. Commenting thereon the learned author says:

"Most gentlemen of considerable property at some period or other in their lives are ambitious of representing their country in Parliament; and those who are ambitious of receiving so high a trust would also do well to remember its nature and importance. They are not thus honorably distinguished from the rest of their fellow subjects, merely that they may privilege their persons, their estates or their domestics; that they may list under party banners; may grant or withhold supplies; may vote with or vote against a popular or unpopular administration; but upon considerations far more interesting and important. They are the guardians of the English constitution; the makers, repealers and interpreters of the English laws; delegated to watch, to check, and to avert every dangerous innovation, to propose, to adopt and to cherish any solid and well weighed improvement; bound by every tie of nature, of honor and of religion, to transmit that constitution and those laws to posterity amended if possible without derogation. And how unbecoming must it appear in a member of the legislature to vote for a new law, who is utterly ignorant of the old! What kind of interpretation can he be enabled to give, who is a stranger to the text upon which he comments. Indeed it is perfectly amazing that there should be no other state of life, no other occupation, art, or science in which some method of instruction is not looked upon as requisite, except only the science of legislation, the noblest and most difficult of any. Apprenticeships are held necessary to almost every art commercial or mechanical: a long course of reading and study must form the divine, the physician, and the practical professor of the laws: but every man of superior fortune thinks himself *born* a legislator. Yet Tully was of a different opinion; it is necessary says he 'for a senator to be thoroughly acquainted with the Constitution;' and this he declares, is a knowledge of the most extensive nature; a matter of science, of diligence, of reflection; without which no senator can possibly be fit for his office."

In your next issue we will give the qualifications *now* required of our legislators, and the *great improvement* resulting from the latter method. The beneficial effects of this new departure from the old order of things are so widespread and manifold that justice cannot be done the subject in the space allotted me; hence I desist until next week.

Yours, READER.

Monroe Bulletin: We again call attention to the spirit of extravagance which seems to characterize our legislators. In spite of decreasing assessments, in spite of financial depression, the legislature has increased the general appropriation bill over $140,000. This profligacy, which is the child of official greed, must be checked or the state will return to bankruptcy.

Bastrop Appeal: Representative Gates, of Iberia, struck a tough customer when he awoke editor Hearsey of the New Orleans States. Hearsey will amuse himself for weeks now taking the cutaneous lining off of the anatomy of the boisterous and choleric Gates.

Last Monday the United States Senate adopted a resolution, by a vote of 36 to 32, to make the repeal of the sugar bounty take immediate effect instead of on the 1st of Jan. 1895.

Bastrop Appeal: In Baton Rouge, according to the testimony of one of the members, are assembled the brains of this State. If he's correct his statement makes a tough showing for those people not in the Legislature.

Senate bill No. 67, making it a felony for any sheriff, clerk, constable, detective, police officer or deputy to procure legal business for attorneys-at-law, has been approved by the Governor.

First class meals for 25 cents at Mrs Clara Perrault's Restaurant.

General Notes.

Retrenchment and reform, cry the people. Increased appropriations, reply the legislature.—Monroe Bulletin.

Another horrible campaign under the present election law will set back the material development of this state five years.—Monroe Bulletin.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, daughter of ex-President Grant is shortly to marry Gen. Henry Douglas, Adjutant General of the state of Maryland.

Out of ninety-six applicants for admission to the West Point Military Academy only forty-one managed to pass the mental examination.

Frye's army of California Industrials, 125 strong, reached Washington on Sunday and marched out to the Coxey camp at Bladensburg, Md. The men were nearly starved.

Among the California products exhibited at the Mid-Winter Fair, in San Francisco, are a peach weighing twenty-three ounces and a sweet potato that weighs forty-four and three quarter pounds.

Contracts were signed last week for the construction of the first of the Atalantis's buildings which C. M. Coen proposes to erect on huge iron pillars in the Atlantic Ocean just outside the jurisdiction of the United States.

We met a prominent gentleman, imbued with the spirit of '76, who said: "I don't care a cuss what sort of election law they give us, we have got to have an honest election next time, or somebody will get hurt." That is the true solution of the question.—Monroe Bulletin.

The Nicaraguan Canal bill has been completed, it is said, and will be reported to the House at an early day. The new company is to issue 830,000 shares of stock at $100 each, of which the United States is to take 700,000, and of the eleven directors, one each is to be named by Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and the stockholders, and eight by the President of the United States.

Every lawyer knows that the Australian ballot system, pure and simple, would not conflict with the constitution of this state. The ablest lawyers in the country and city concur in this view. But certain men at Baton Rouge have raised the cry of "unconstitutional" against ballot reform. This simply means they don't want it.—Monroe Bulletin.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, July 3, 1894.

Chairman Wilson, of the House Ways and Means committee, is on hand, apparently completely restored to health, ready to take charge of the tariff bill as soon as it gets back to the House. Like the skillful commander he has shown himself to be Mr. Wilson declines to publicly express his own opinion of the Senate amendments to the bill or to say what he thinks will be the result of the conference on those amendments. Whatever position taken by the conferees on the part of the House, who will, of course, be headed by Chairman Wilson, will be the result of mature consideration on the part of Speaker Crisp and the leading democrats of the House, with whom Mr. Wilson has been in almost constant consultation since his return to Washington. The one prominent democrat who has been entirely left out of these consultations is President Cleveland, and he has been left out in accordance with his own wishes. He does not wish to have it said that he took sides with either the House or Senate in what may be a quickly settled friendly controversy or may develop into a bitter wrangle. However, no one who is at all familiar with President Cleveland's public utterances, not to mention his private conversations, on the tariff question, can have any doubt as to which of the two—the original Wilson bill or the amended Senate bill—he prefers. There are good reasons for the belief that the democrats of the House will stand up for the original Wilson bill, and it can be set down as certain that the protection amendments of the Senate will never be accepted in their present shape. There is no longer any talk of even an attempt being made to have the House agree to all of the Senate amendments in bulk. There never was any foundation for such talk, beyond the imaginations of some people who would like to see the matter disposed of in that way.

The Georgians in Congress are beginning to get somewhat worked up over the election of a Senator to succeed Mr. Walsh. When Speaker Crisp declined the proffered appointment to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Colquitt, it was generally supposed that he thereby secured what the boys call "a lead pipe cinch" on the full term, although it was then known that Representative Turner would probably be a candidate. Several days ago, however, Senator Walsh made a manly announcement of his candidacy. Speaker Crisp has not indicated whether he will be a candidate or not, and one of his closest personal friends has just assured me that Mr. Crisp has not yet decided the matter.

Two New York bankers of prominence had an experience in Washington several days ago that will probably make them more careful in the future about believing every statement they see in the newspapers of the class which make a practice of printing the sensation first and ascertaining its truthfulness afterwards. A newspaper of this class had a story to the effect that the President would gladly issue another $50,000,000, of bonds if he were certain they could be placed without trouble. These two bankers filled with patriotism and a desire to profitably invest the money of their customers came at once to Washington and went to the White House, where they proceeded to surprise President Cleveland by offering to take that entire bond issue. Mr. Cleveland assured them that there was not the slightest foundation for the bond issue story; that the administration had not contemplated any further issue of bonds and that there was no reason in anything now known to expect that there would be any necessity for the question to be considered at any time in the future. Surely that ought to be sufficient to settle the matter, but all the same that bond issue story will continue to be printed in one form or another, as it has been from time to time, by those who know its falsity.

Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons, New York, the great rice dealers, advertise their celebrated Columbia mill in this issue.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Opelousas, La.

Special Correspondence of The Times-Democrat.

Opelousas, June 29.—Quite a large and fashionable audience assembled at the Opera House Wednesday night to witness the closing exercises of the well known Convent of the Immaculate Conception. Although the weather was extremely warm, everyone took a great interest in the evening's entertainment. The programme opened with the operetta "Titania." Miss Ludi Veazie as Queen was handsomely attired, and did great credit to that high position. Miss Blanche Pavy as the King, also did exceedingly well. Mention must be made of Miss Helen Sandoz as Martha Miller, who was really a great addition to a play, as was also Miss Agathe Lassalle as Puck.

The Butterflies had for their Queen Miss Annie Hollier who was beautifully attired, representing a butterfly. Her little attendants, numbering some twelve or thirteen, all dressed likewise, were really a pretty sight to behold. Together the Queens and their attendants formed a beautiful tableau.

The next piece was a drama in three acts, entitled "Rebecca's Triumph." This was a very difficult play, but under the careful training of the Sisters the young ladies performed it very creditably. Miss Esther Marks as Meg deserves especial mention for the impersonation of that character. Her acting was indeed excellent and showed well her talents.

Miss Heloise Chachere as the colored waitress had the audience convulsed with her witty sayings and gestures.

Mention must be made of the following ladies, who also did excellently: Miss Lucile Lacombe as Rebecca, Miss Pearl Chachere as Mrs. Kopeman, Miss Jennie Marks as Dora Gaines, Miss Louise Delarue as Mrs. Delanis, Miss Martha Andrus as Mrs. Clarissa Codman, the old maid, and Miss Annie Hollier as the Irish biddie.

The prizes were presented by Rev. Father Dubourg, and consisted of medals and books.

Below are given the ones who received medals:

A gold medal to Miss Louise Delarue for highest average during the full course, silver medals to Miss Lucille Lacombe for history, Miss Pearl Chachere for merit, Miss Annie Hollier for writing, Miss Esther Marks for composition, Miss Jennie Marks for arithmetic, Miss Emily Bailey for duties, and Miss Heloise Chachere for arithmetic.

Thus ended a very successful school session of the Immaculate Conception.

Public Records.

The St. Landry Clarion, of Opelousas, official paper of St. Landry parish, objects to other papers taking copy of police jury proceedings until the Clarion has first made official publication. The same claim is held by city secretary Ford of this city concerning the record of the city council and the Commercial. In fact a resolution was once upon a time passed to the effect that the official journal could not be used by any other paper other than the official paper until the latter had made the publication. It is strange that such condensed ignorance of common law should be manifest in intelligent sources. Any official journal of the proceedings of any public body becomes a public record the moment it is officially transcribed, and any person has legal right to make copy therefrom for any purpose. The law regarding public records is old enough to be understood. It is strange it is not.—Lake Charles Press.

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.

Judge Whitaker, the New Orleans Recorder who was charged with embezzlement, malfeasance and misfeasance in office, has been acquitted.

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

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No. —.

PROBATE DOCKET, PISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of H. H. Deshotels at Old Grand Prairie, in the parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, August 8, 1894,

the following described property belonging to the estate of John Speyrer and his wife, both deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

1. The plantation situated at Grand Prairie containing sixty arpents of prairie land more or less bounded north by land of Dominique Lafauve, south by bayou Petite Passe, east by Eloi Vidrine and west by Achille Guillory.

One bay horse, one wagon, one old buggy and harness, five head of gentle horned cattle, one lot of field implements, one bedstead with featherbed and lot of bedding, one armoir, one toilet, one dining table, one cupboard and one sideboard, one branding iron, one lot household furniture, one lot crockery and kitchen utensils, one clock and one shot gun.

Terms and Conditions:—The plantation payable in three equal installments, purchasers to furnish their three promissory notes with two solvent securities to the satisfaction of the administrator, payable thus: The first of said notes on January 1st, 1895, the second on January 1st, 1896 and the third on January 1st, 1897, bearing 8 per cent per annum interest from January 1st, 1895 until paid and also 10 per cent attorney's fees and costs in case of suit for collection, special mortgage and vendor's lien and privilege retained until final payment of said notes. The movable property to be sold thus: All adjudications of five dollars or less for cash and all exceeding five dollars payable on the first of December next, 1894. Purchasers to furnish their promissory notes with security to the satisfaction of the administrator and bearing 8 per cent interest from maturity until paid, also 10 per cent additional in case of suit to enforce payment.

H. H. DESHOTELS,
June 30. Administrator.

NOTICE!

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 28, 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 the Clerk of the District Court, at Opelousas, on Monday, August 20th, 1894, viz:

EDGAR SAVOIE,

who made Homestead Entry No. 11436 for the southwest ¼ of southeast ¼ sect. 5 township 8. S. R. 4 E., La. Mer.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Désgene Savoie, Lucien Leger, Valsin Leger and Cesaire Miller, all of St. Landry parish Louisiana.

G. McD. BRUMBY,
June 30, 1894. Register.

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., July 2, 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 R. Bloomfield, U. S. Commissioner, at Opelousas, La., on Wednesday, August 22, 1894, viz:

JESSE REED,

who made Homest'd Entry No. 11265, for the e ½ of s e ¼, n w ¼ of s e ¼, and n e ¼ of s w ¼, sec. 36 Tp. 3, S R 1 W, La. Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.:

Napoleon Johnson, Joseph Clark, Ambroise Johnson, L. E. Littell and Octave H. Guillory, all of St. Landry parish, La.

G. McD. BRUMBY,
July 7 6t. Register.

ESTATE OF ADAM F. DUPRE.

All creditors of said Estate are hereby notified to file their claims whether ordinary or privileged for classification within 15 days from this date at my office in the town of Opelousas.

C. F. GARLAND,
Attorney of said Estate.

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