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TWO DOLLARS A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
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OPELOUSAS:
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1895.
Get your machinery fittings at J. Meyers & Co.

Another Homicide.

At a ball given at the residence of Oscar Fontenot at Mamou, on Mardi Gras night, Evariste B. Fontenot stabbed Damon Deville, whose name we could not learn. He was deceased, we are informed, was quite a young man, the weapon used was a knife, the blade of the knife breaking in the wound. Evariste B. Fontenot was incarcerated in jail on Thursday. We are informed that the accused claims he acted in self defense. The bridge of his nose was broken.

Incidendarium.

On Mardi-Gras night, at about 10 o'clock, the firebells startled our community, when it was discovered that the rear portion of Mr. Jules Gill's office was on fire. The fire was extinguished before it had made much headway. It is very evident that this is the work of an incendiary. About two months ago this same office was fired, only a few feet from the spot where it was burning this time. Had the fire made any headway before discovery it would have resulted in the destruction of a large part of the commercial portion of the town. Efforts should be made to detect the perpetrator or perpetrators of these dastardly acts.

"Ready For Duty."

That wide-awake and popular organization, Hope Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, observed the anniversary of the illustrious Father of his country in the customary manner, viz: by the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Those for 1895 are the following: President, W. A. Sandoz; Foreman, B. Anderson; 1st Ass't, C. Brand; 2d Ass't, B. Little; Secretary, Isidore Desautels; Treasurer, Fritz Dietlein; Steward, Morgan J. Sandoz.

Lecture.

Mr. Luther Benson, a lecturer of renown, will lecture on Temperance at the Courthouse on next Wednesday night, March 6, at 7:30 p. m. Admission free. Mr. Benson is one of the leading temperance orators of America, and next falls to his audience. He is a born orator and his lecture was referred to in the highest terms of praise by many of the leading men and women of the country. Don't fail to hear him.

Probably the largest beef ever seen in our town, is now on the premises of our progressive butcher, Mr. Alphonse Besson, who proposes to serve it to his patrons on Sunday morning. The beef is seal fat, is corn fed, and was carried during the winter by Mr. Ducoudré Dupré. His weight is 1650 pounds—height 5 feet one inch. It is not often that such meat is seen on our market. It is worth thirty-five dollars for the beef.

One of the handsomest calendars of the year has been sent to the COURIER by the New York Engraving and Printing Co., 320-325 Pearl street, New York. The months are presented on the usual pad, but the design is finished with a beautiful cabinet-size photograph (in half-tone) of some prominent actress. Altogether, with its white mounting and gold and white ornamentation, the calendar is a superb specimen of the printer's and engraver's art. Each month is a photograph, one for each month.

W. J. Sandoz, Esq., the attorney whose card appears in another column, has been appointed a notary public for this parish. His grandfather, who held that office in this parish for many years, had the reputation of being one of the best notaries in the State, and this young gentleman's careful legal training should enable him to make a like record.

Those who are interested in fine stock will not be slow to take advantage of the very favorable opportunity offered by Mr. F. E. Stokes in his advertisement which appears on our paper to-day. In consideration of the tightness of the times he has placed the fees of his magnificent and popular horse, Carreny, at the very low price of \$20 for the season, or where one party has two or more mares, the fees will be fifteen dollars.

The second annual entry of King Commerce into his loyal and festive capital on the banks of the beautiful Teche—St. Martinville—was made the occasion of a fine street day display, an elegant entertainment at night and much wholesome merrymaking last Tuesday. *Bravo pour le Petit Paris!*

It is astonishing what an amount of satisfaction and comfort is derived from wearing pants that fit neatly, look well, and are the best made. If you wish to experience this satisfaction try a pair of the *Backskin Breeches*. They are warranted in every respect.

Any one in need of a splendid store building cheap can get a bargain by applying to Hon. E. B. Duboussion. See advertisement "For Sale" in another column.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church to-morrow (Sunday), at 11 o'clock a. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

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

If you need a cistern, give your order to Crawford & Hopkins, Opelousas.

Delinquent subscribers and others indebted to us are again earnestly requested to come forward and settle. We are reluctant to employ harsh measures to collect our dues, but must do so if this appeal is unheeded.

Personal.

N. C. DeWilliams, of Nottleyville, was in town on Thursday.
Dr. Z. T. Young, of Ville Plate, was in town on Thursday.
Mrs. N. L. McGinnis, of Boyce, La., returned home last Thursday.
Mrs. W. R. Cochran is visiting relatives and friends in Lake Charles.
Rev. Father Clark, of Chataignier, was a visitor to our town this week.
Hon. E. D. Estilette left for New Orleans several days ago, on professional business.

J. P. Caillonet, of Port Barre, formerly of Lafourche parish, was in town Monday and gave us a pleasant call.
J. P. Russell and Geo. W. Curtis, President and cashier of the Washington Bank, were in Opelousas on Monday.

Mrs. F. K. Hopkins, accompanied by her bright and vivacious sister, Miss Ida Adams, spent several days with relatives in Lafayette and returned home on Monday.
Mr. J. Lewis, of Opelousas, made a pleasant visit to friends at P. A. Bailly's last Friday. Mr. Lewis has many friends at Loyd and they only regretted that his visit was so short—Alexandria Democrat, Feb. 27.

A Fact and a Cause For It.

Mr. Carnegie says that there are more millionaires in the United States than in the rest of the world.
Prof. J. A. Collins publishes statistics in the American Magazine of Civics for January, showing that the percentage of the whole population not owning houses is 28.94 in France, 55.19 in Italy, and over 70 in the United States.
That is to say, houses are owned in France by over 71, Italy by over 44, and in the United States by less than 30 per cent of the people.

Such a state of affairs certainly did not exist in the days of our fathers; and there must consequently be causes in operation in this country tending to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Business energy and capacity, fact, talent and thrift are not sufficient to account for it. These exist in France, where they are elevating the common people, ameliorating the average condition, and enriching the nation.

Our land laws have been allowed to grow and accumulate, in a haphazard way, the belief that we had more land than we could use preventing any careful consideration of the matter. Alien landholdings has grown until it is all but a monopoly in our hands. Nearly thirty million acres of our lands are owned by wealthy foreigners—and this only takes account of large holders who are well known. If it could be ascertained how much land is owned by non-residents, the evil would be seen in its magnitude.

There is clearly something wrong with our legislation. It ought to be changed and increased cultivating occupancy, and to dispossess non-resident ownership of real estate.—Times Democrat.

General Notes.

At the election in Alexandria on Feb. 11th for Mayor, Mr. Tbos. Crawley was re-elected, having received 351 votes to 316 for Mr. Gossett.

Frederick Douglass, the well known orator and recognized colored Moses, died very suddenly at his residence in Washington City, last week, at an advanced age.

The United States Circuit Court at Owensboro, Ky., has declared the Kentucky law compelling railroad companies to provide separate coaches for whites and Negroes to be unconstitutional. The case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

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

Shoes—All styles, grades and prices at Clements & Healey.

DIED: CHACHEREE—At his father's residence, in Opelousas, Feb. 24, 1895, Dr. Eugene J. Chacere, aged 25 years. He was a worthy son and leaves many friends to mourn his untimely death. Burial in the family vault.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY.
OPELOUSAS, Feb. 25, 1895.
The Police Jury met at 12:30 pursuant to adjournment. Present: E. H. McGee, President; Dupré, Guidry, Clopton, Laheur, Evans and Québécois.

On motion of Mr. Evans, the petition of citizens of the parish of St. Landry, praying for a change of the law relating to the payment of the fees of the Clerks of Court for issuing certificates of attendance to jurors and witnesses in criminal cases, was read and referred to a committee to report thereon at the next meeting of the Police Jury.

Angusto Fontenot, from ward line to Pointe Marrou.

Phosphorus Brunet, from Pointe Marrou to Pointe Manuël.
Paul Guillory, from Pointe Marrou bridge to Pointe Manuël.
J. J. Landreaux, from Pointe aux Pins gully to Ville Plate and Chataignier road near L. J. Besson's place.
Azilien Fracé, from Pointe aux Pins gully to Pointe Marrou road at Pointe Fontenot's place.
John Redem's bridge, from Pointe Marrou to Pointe Fontenot's place.
Jos. D. Landreaux, from Dr. Jules Vidrine's to Neapitche bridge, via Ermogène Vidrine's place.
Alex. L. Fontenot, from Warner's place to Newburg bridge, via John's corner, L. J. Besson's place.

Adrien Veillon, from Théodore Fontenot's place to Veillon's crossing on Neapitche.
On motion of Mr. Guidry, the Police Jury appointed road overseer from Bourbeux bridge to Pointe Marrou, the following: J. J. Besson, for the first half of the road; and J. P. Laheur, for the second half of the road.

On motion of Mr. R. Laheur, the petition of citizens of Grand Prairie, praying for a change of the law relating to the payment of the fees of the Clerks of Court for issuing certificates of attendance to jurors and witnesses in criminal cases, was read and referred to a committee to report thereon at the next meeting of the Police Jury.

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On motion of Mr. Evans, the Police Jury adjourned till to-morrow at 9 a. m.

OPELOUSAS, Feb. 26, 1895.
The Police Jury met at 9:30 a. m. Present: E. H. McGee, President, and Messrs. Dupré, Guidry, Clopton, Laheur and E. T. Laheur.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, the following report was received and ordered read upon the minutes: The committee appointed to examine Mr. Bailey's petition for a change of the law relating to the payment of the fees of the Clerks of Court for issuing certificates of attendance to jurors and witnesses in criminal cases, has the honor to report that the committee has examined the petition and has the honor to report that the committee is of the opinion that the law should be changed as follows:

To have a set of township maps made on a scale of 4 (four) inches to the mile, showing the T. E. sections, the lines of ownership at the corners of sections, and the lines of ownership to be marked with the name of the owner and numbered, the maps to be drawn on a scale of 4 (four) inches to the mile, and to be filed in a book, accompanied by a list in book form, showing the names of the owners, the location of the land, and the amount of the land, and to be filed in a book, accompanied by a list in book form, showing the names of the owners, the location of the land, and the amount of the land.

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JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC SALE.
ESTATE OF LUCIEN JOUBERT.
No. 5338.
PROBATE COURT—PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court of the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Lucien Joubert, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to-wit: A certain tract of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded on the north by Maurice Foudras, south by the street of Foudras, east by Elisha Boudreau and west by Edmond Guilly, containing one hundred arpents. One part of said land, one bayou and one canal; one wagon; three plows; thirty sacks of rice; three hundred barrels of corn, more or less; two barrels of cotton; one sewing machine; four beds; two sofas.
Terms, cash.
EUGENE JOUBERT,
Administrator.
Feb. 2, 1895.

CONSTATABLE'S SALE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
FIRST JUSTICE'S COURT.
JACQUES BEAUCHAMP VS. ALF. BROWN.
By virtue of a writ of *fi. fa.* issued out of the Hon. First Justice's Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and the writ being returned and numbered suit and to the directed, and seized and will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the undersigned Justice of the Peace, to-wit: J. B. G. Donato, in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, March 6th, 1895,
at 11 o'clock a. m. the following described property, to-wit: One lot of land, bounded on the north and east by the street of Foudras, and on the south and west by the street of Foudras, containing one hundred arpents. One part of said land, one bayou and one canal; one wagon; three plows; thirty sacks of rice; three hundred barrels of corn, more or less; two barrels of cotton; one sewing machine; four beds; two sofas.
Terms, cash.
J. B. ZACHARIE,
Constable, *fi. fa.* Ward.
Feb. 2, 1895.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.
ESTATE OF ACHILLE FONTENOT.
No. —
PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
Whereas, Marie Bertrand, of the parish of St. Landry, administratrix of the estate of Achille Fontenot, deceased, has filed a tableau of classification of debts and distribution of funds of said estate, accompanied by her petition praying for the homologation of the same; and whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date Feb. 19th, 1895.
Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, to file the same in writing in my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.
ESTATE OF JOSEPH ANTOINE.
No. —
PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
Whereas, Julie Thom, of the parish of St. Landry, administratrix of the estate of Joseph Antoine, deceased, has filed a tableau of classification of debts and distribution of funds of said estate, accompanied by her petition praying for the homologation of the same; and whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date Feb. 23, 1895.
Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, to file the same in writing in my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.
ESTATE OF MELISSIS HANCHET.
No. —
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA.
Whereas, William Hanchet, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the estate of Melissis Hanchet, deceased, has filed a tableau of classification of debts and distribution of funds of said estate, accompanied by her petition praying for the homologation of the same; and whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date Feb. 23, 1895.
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NOTICE OF TABLEAU.
ESTATE OF ALEXANDRE P. DURIO.
No. 15340.
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA.
By virtue of an order of the Hon. the 11th Judicial District Court in and for this parish of St. Landry, there will be held at the office of the undersigned Notary, in the town of Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, March 9, 1895,
a meeting of the creditors of said succession, in order to accept the cessation of the property of said deceased, and to settle the accounts and to transact such other business as may be necessary in the premises.
February 2, 1895
E. BAILEY, Notary Public.

NOTICE.
LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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 Tuesday, March 5th, 1895, viz: JAMES W. HENRY, who made Homestead Entry No. 10347 for the tract of 40 cent 12, township 3, S. 1 E. 12, T. 3 N., R. 10 E., containing 40 acres, more or less, in the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana.

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