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PUBLISHERS' CARD. The undersigned publishers of the Opelousas Courier, St. Landry Parish and Washington Post hereby agree to publish the following...

TO DO NO WORK FOR NOTHING, except for a charitable or benevolent object, at the rates fixed by law. To keep all other things convenient for inspection a list of rates which is to form the basis of this agreement.

Candidates. For District Attorney. We are authorized to announce HON. E. B. DUBREUIL as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

For Clerk of Court. We are authorized to announce MR. ROBERT CHARRIER as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

For District Judge. We are authorized to announce W. S. FRAZER, Esq., as a candidate for the office of District Judge subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

Circus in town to-day. Cheaper than ever—good feed oats at 32 cts per bushel at J. K. Sandoz & Bro.

Go to Bloch's for a stylish hat at hard time prices. Men's, youth's and boys'. Say, bud, did you know that Christmas is less than six weeks off?

Get your machinery fittings at J. Meyers & Co. The Great Wallace Shows will be here to-day—one day only, two performances—evening and night.

For Sale—A second-hand carriage in good order; will be sold very cheap. Apply at this office. Choice Flour—all grades, at prices that will surprise you, at J. K. Sandoz & Bro.

H. Orvid Dust, we bid thee a glad farewell. Thy name, until the return of genial Spring, is mud. Fancy paper, and envelopes, albums, toilet articles, soaps, perfumeries, etc., at Houston's drugstore.

For Rent—A cabin with chimney and lot of ground in the city at \$3 per month. Apply at this office. Call at Bloch's if you want to buy good shoes at panic prices. Fresh and new stock.

Go to B. R. White's new lumber yard for anything in the line of building materials. His prices are the lowest. Drugs, medicines, chemicals, patent medicines, fine cigars, tooth brushes, combs, &c., at Houston's drugstore.

Slaughter! Slaughter!! Slaughter!!! In Dry Goods, Notions and Shoes at J. K. Sandoz & Bro. Dr. Irion's office hours are from 40 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.

Carry your prescriptions to J. H. Houston's, where none but a registered pharmacist and qualified chemist will compound them. At Bloch's you can get a fine latest style suit of clothing at rock bottom figures—for men or boys—just received and marked down low.

Jas. H. Houston, Jr., keeps a full line of drugs and patent medicines, perfumes, etc. Prescription department under the special charge of the experienced registered pharmacist, Mr. T. B. Hopkins. Parties visiting New Orleans should bear in mind that first class hotel accommodations can be had at Deuchaud Hotel, corner Carondelet and Perdido streets, at moderate prices.

Have you seen that beautiful line of jewelry at R. Mornhinvege's? It's simply magnificent. Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Jewelry, all of the latest styles and at prices astonishingly low. The demand for Ayer's Hair Vigor in such widely-separated regions as South America, Spain, Australia, and India has kept pace with the home consumption, which goes to show that these people know a good thing when they try it.

W. M. Thompson's Drugstore, the largest and most complete stock of Drugs and drug sundries in the parish always kept on hand. All prescriptions compounded by a physician and registered pharmacist of 25 years' experience. J. Meyers & Co. have just received two carloads of the celebrated OWENS-BORO Wagons, comprising all sizes, both the Plumber Skin and Iron. All which they are offering at unusually low figures.

Mornhinvege's line of rings—engagement, wedding and all other kinds—comprise an assortment such as was never before seen in Opelousas, and like all his other goods are marked down at rock bottom prices. All are invited to inspect his stock and ascertain prices. The attention of rice planters is called to the fact that J. Meyers & Co. have constantly on hand a full supply of Irrigating Pumps and all other registered articles of the celebrated Iron and Wire Pumps of which they have a large stock and which they will sell at factory prices. Four hundred Italians arrived in New Orleans November 2d.

Send Men of Ability to the Legislature.

We have as yet heard no one mentioned as a candidate for the State Legislature, although much has been said of late in regard to candidates for nearly all other offices, State and parochial, especially for the positions of District Judge, District Attorney, Sheriff and Clerk. Why is it that so little interest is manifested in our parish as to who shall represent us in the Legislature? These offices are among the most important, since the men we send to Baton Rouge are to make or unmake the laws under which we live. Can any one imagine a higher duty or a more honorable calling than this, or one which requires greater ability and integrity to properly fill? We think not. And yet it is not a fact that for the past ten or fifteen years St. Landry has sent but comparatively few men of ability to the Legislature? And we elect three representatives and two senators every four years! Can we not do better at the next election? Let us send men of ability and force of character—men who can wield some influence at Baton Rouge—to represent us in our legislative halls. Let us do away with the pernicious system of past years which gave these important and honorable offices to men who were incapable of filling them properly and with benefit to their constituency, and elect gentlemen who can and will earn the reputation of being a strong and able delegation.

We have among us, who are satisfied could be induced to give some of their time to the service of the State. The sessions of the Legislature are held during the dull summer season, and the members of the Legislature, during their regular occupations at a time when they can best afford to be absent.

We earnestly hope that the St. Landry delegation to be elected next April will be composed of the best possible material.

At its meeting a few days ago, the Democratic Executive Committee of Acadia parish pronounced in favor of holding a District Convention to designate for the nomination of district officers, instead of holding primaries for the selection of these officers directly by the voters.

Both wings of the party in St. Landry have formally declared their preference for the primary, and it is believed that the will of the majority cannot be defeated, as has sometimes been done in convention; and as St. Landry has a preponderating influence in the voting strength of the district, it is presumed that her wishes will be carried out. The people will be satisfied with nothing less than white primaries for all candidates, from district officers down to the constables.

One of the things which Opelousas needs is a garbage service—a corporation cart to go around once or twice each week to every taxpayer's gate and take the refuse from the premises, and trash which has accumulated during the preceding few days. We have no such thing here, strange to say, and the condition of most of the back yards of our householders bears strong proof of the fact.

The attention of the Council is earnestly called to this matter, in the hope that a garbage cart may be put to work soon, thereby improving our sanitary condition, and the appearance of our premises. The ladies, especially, will be highly pleased at such a departure.

The Democratic State Convention will meet at Shreveport in one month and ten days to-morrow, and it is time that the Parish Committee be moving in the matter. The committee of many other parishes have already met and provided for the selection of delegates to that convention, some of the names of the delegates named and a few have already nominated candidates for parochial offices. The campaign is open, but St. Landry is not yet formally or officially in it. We will probably publish the call for a meeting of the Executive Committee next week.

We have received, too late for insertion in our paper this week, from Prof. Wm. R. Burke, Parish Superintendent of Schools of Iberville, a letter in which he requests the Parish Committee to send teachers of this parish are invited to attend a State Teachers' Institute to be held at New Iberia Dec 9th to the 14th, inclusive. The Institute will be conducted by Prof. B. C. Caldwell, assisted by an able corps of teachers of the faculty of the State Normal School. The Superintendent adds that efforts will be made to make the meeting a profitable and pleasant one to all who may attend, and that visiting teachers will find good board at New Iberia at from \$5 to \$6 per week.

Attention is called to the note added to the advertisement of the Columbia Rice Mill in this issue, stating: "Good quality (Japan Rough) nets considerably more than equal grade in Carolina and Honduras." The above is certainly encouraging to our farmers who have this year raised more or less of the above mentioned kind, and it is well worth remembering when planting them shall come around next year. Another thing, however, ought equally to be borne in mind, and that is, the necessity of keeping every different kind, whether Japan, Carolina or Honduras, distinct and separate—one from the other. Hybrid seeds as a rule are degenerate and it certainly holds true in rice.

As is generally the case, fairs, carnivals and shows strike a town during the show season, and are particularly numerous when big shows come along because it is easier to work their schemes in a big crowd than in a small one. We would therefore be a prudent thing for merchants and others to be a little more careful than usual when asked by strangers to change money. Counterfeit coins and paper may be looked for. Pickpockets are another class of gentry the citizen can keep his eye peeled for.

In writing of the new school history by Mrs. Susan P. Lee, of Virginia, last week, we overlooked the fact that our schools were already supplied with excellent works of that kind written by a Southern author—our own Prof. H. E. Chambers, Principal of the High School at Monroe and editor of the Louisiana School Review. We beg to assure Prof. Chambers that in writing as we did of the new work, the seeming injustice done him was altogether unintentional.

Prescriptions filled at all hours at Houston's drugstore, formerly Bloch's. DAVIS' WILD CHERRY AND TAR will cure your Cough or Cold. 50c. and \$1.00.

On to Atlanta.

The Louisiana newspaper folks, a party of forty-five, who left New Orleans on the 19th, via the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, were borne smoothly and swiftly along the rocky watering places of Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, &c., past Mobile, and arrived at Montgomery, Ala., at about 8:30 at night, where their sleepers were side-tracked until morning.

Most of the party at once wended their way to the old State capital, made famous as the spot where the South's idol, Jefferson Davis, was inaugurated as President of the Confederate States and where the first Confederate Congress assembled. We were cordially greeted by the old one-armed veteran—Mr. Merritt—who with pistol in hand mightily stands guard over the precious relics of this historic building, and were kindly shown every object of interest in the venerable old pile. With a feeling of affectionate veneration we stood upon the identical spot where the illustrious Davis swore to unflinchingly devote his great talents and phenomenal energies to the service of his beloved section, then threatened with invasion (February 18, 1862), as we were in the presence of the difficulties and dangers innumerable and overwhelming, the grand old hero lived up to his mighty oath and heroically kept faith with "the storm-cracked nation that fell" after a bloody but glorious existence of four years. The Bible upon which Mr. Davis took the oath of office is carefully preserved in a glass case, and a picture of the memorable scene, taken on the spot, pictures (oil painting) the day of the inauguration, and other famous men adorn the walls. Among these we noticed that of Wm. L. Yancey, a leading "fire-eater" in the troublous times that immediately preceded the war, and who probably did as much to excite the "irrepressible conflict" as any man of his day. The "old State House" is full of reminders of old times—staring time, sad but glorious times—but we must not linger here too long. As we walked by a side-long, strong electric light reveals to us the admiring gaze the magnificent proportions of a lofty and elegant shaft, recently erected to the memory of the Confederate dead, who scattered about the beautiful grounds of the State Capitol, we get glimpses of a number of large spiked cannon—huge black war-dogs crouching in the shadows, not muzzled and silent forever.

Montgomery is a beautiful little city of about 30,000 inhabitants, well lighted and well lighted, and very attractive in appearance. We reached Atlanta on the 20th, shortly after noon. It being Sunday the Exposition was closed. The next four days were devoted to the exclusively to the great fair, which, as we have said before, well deserves a visit. A detailed description of its multitudinous and bewildering throngs and beauties is impossible in the space at our disposal. Suffice it to say that it is a grand reproduction of the great Chicago Fair, with a much more extensive exhibit of the products and manufactures of the Southern States. As a well-informed and people the vast assemblage of articles produced in Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Louisiana is a surprising revelation. It tells in unmistakable language the gratifying story of the South's rapid progress towards industrial independence.

The Exposition is a great educator. It gives days of unalloyed pleasure, and with it a wider intellectual horizon and a broader culture. The progressive also an assured success. The financial problem has been solved, and the great enterprise moves on grandly to its culmination. The people of Atlanta have achieved results never surpassed, and the only cause of regret is that the person who does not see this wonderful exhibition, in many respects the most remarkable the world has ever seen.

President Cleveland and his Cabinet addressed the vast assemblage from a stand erected in front of the Government building, and then, descending the steps, he shook hands until exhausted with the people who were crowded all around. A large number of our party grasped the presidential hand and got a near view of the presidential features. Vice President Stevenson, Postmaster General Wilson and Secretaries Smith and Lamont, from different places on the stand, shook hands with our party.

While in Atlanta our party were complimented by Mr. W. O. Hart, a prominent New Orleans attorney, with an invitation to attend a performance at the magnificent Grand Opera House, which was highly edited by the artistic production of "1492," the beautiful spectacular extravaganza played all last week in New Orleans by the same talented company.

On the evening of the 24th our party left their comfortable quarters at the Alabama Hotel on Peachtree street, the magnificent thoroughfare on which stands the residence of the lamented Hon. W. G. Graham, and shook the dust of the beautiful Exposition city from their feet. The next morning found their sleeper side-tracked at Chattanooga, where a pleasant day was spent. The following day was spent at Nashville, camp reception and entertainment there forming a pleasing climax to a most agreeable trip. Of these two red-letter days, more anon.

The races which were to come off to-day on the Opelousas Race Course have been indefinitely postponed. Other fixtures are in preparation, of which due notice will be given.

The "Y's" will hold their next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. L. J. Thompson at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, and cordially invite all friends to meet with them.

To make the hair grow a natural color, prevent baldness, and keep the scalp healthy, Hall's Hair Renewer was invented, and has proved itself successful.

Ceiling and egress waterboarding at \$10 per 1000 feet at B. R. White's new lumber yard.

Preaching at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. Jas. A. Griffis. Subject: "The Interests Angels Take in Salvation."

From and after Nov. 2d, services at the Catholic Church will commence at the following hours: Low Mass at 7:30 a. m.; High Mass at 9:30 a. m.

Remember That Houston's Drug Store is the place where none but a competent and registered pharmacist compounds prescriptions.

Personal.

Wirt Collins, of Leocombe, was in town Thursday. Jno. D. Currie, of Ville Plate, came to town Thursday.

Robert Lafleur, of Whiteville, was in town this week. E. T. Lafleur, of Belair's Cove, was in town this week.

Miss Angèle Perodin, of Rayne, is visiting friends and relatives here. V. Bourdin, who has been in Mexico several months, is back here on a visit.

S. P. B. Manuel, Esq., of Faquetiste, would welcome callers at our office last Tuesday.

Esquire Frank Varay and Constable Jackson, of Big Cane, were among their Opelousas friends on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Quirk, of Boggs station, visited Opelousas, this week, the guests of C. B. Andrus and family.

Miss Jeanette Havard of Big Cane arrived Tuesday and will spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. Lyons.—Abbeville Mercurial, Nov. 3d.

Miss Dee Taylor, the efficient stenographer of W. W. Dusen, who had been here on a visit for several days, left for her home at Crowley last Wednesday.

J. W. Smith left on Tuesday for Mississippi, where he will remain a short while. Returning to Louisiana, he will probably spend the winter in Opelousas.—Crowley Signal, Nov. 9.

J. Sully Martel, Esq., of Franklin, gave us an appreciated call on Monday. His visit to our town was a brief one, and only a few of his many friends here had the pleasure of meeting him. Come again, Sully, and stay longer.

At an early hour last Wednesday night the steam gin of Mr. Eraste Dupré in Prairie Plaisance, was seen to be on fire. It was burned to the ground, and fortunately most of the cotton was baled, and through the thoughtful management of Mr. Dupré, was rolled out and saved. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss \$1,500; insurance \$1,000.

As far as has been authoritatively announced, the rate of one cent per mile for the Louisiana Day Express will be only to New Orleans—\$9.00 for the round trip from that point. If our railroads intend to take people to New Orleans at reduced rates, it is high time that they should do so.

A detachment of at least one hundred cadets from the State University at Baton Rouge, as well as several military companies from New Orleans, will visit the Atlanta Exposition on Louisiana Day, Nov. 30.

Quite a number from Opelousas intend visiting the Atlanta Exposition on Louisiana Day, Nov. 30, if they can do so. The rates for the Louisiana Day Express at low rates announced will be given or not. At present the matter is in doubt.

Mr. Jean Martin, a native of France and a resident of Opelousas for many years, died here this week in the 70th year of his age.

Why suffer with coughs, colds and grippe, when Laxative Bromo Quinine will cure you in one day? Does not produce ringing in the head like sulphate of quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guarantees to cure or money refunded. Price 25c. For sale by J. E. Shute, Opelousas, La.

Mr. Théogène Richard, of Plaquemine Ridge, died last Wednesday at 2 o'clock and was buried here the next day.

Keiffer Bros. Gents' Handsewed Shoes are the best wearing sold made equal to home-made. The progressive firm of Keiffer Bros. have secured a large stock of them. Call and examine their excellent line.

Mr. John Barrett, of Plaquemine Ridge, died last Wednesday and was buried here on Thursday.

I. E. Shute, M. D., the druggist, will tell you that no one is better qualified to judge of the merits of an article than the dealer, because he bases his opinion on the experience of all who use it. For this reason he wishes to publish the remarks of other dealers about an article which he has sold for many years. It is "Weir's Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," which he has sold for many years. It is "Weir's Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," which he has sold for many years. It is "Weir's Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," which he has sold for many years.

The Cotton States and International Exposition

Can best be reached from Louisiana via the popular Atlantic and New Orleans Short Line.

—composed of— LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD, THE WESTERN RAILWAY OF ALABAMA—and the— ATLANTA & WEST POINT RAILROAD, THE NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE AND MONTGOMERY ROUTE.

DOUBLE DAILY TRAINS AS FOLLOWS: Leaves New Orleans..... 7:15 a. m. No. 38. Mobile..... 12:30 p. m. 12:30 p. m. Montgomery..... 5:30 p. m. 5:30 p. m. Arr. Atlanta..... 11:45 a. m. 11:45 a. m. No. 37. No. 35. Arrives New Orleans..... 7:15 a. m. 7:15 a. m. Mobile..... 12:30 p. m. 12:30 p. m. Montgomery..... 5:30 p. m. 5:30 p. m. Le. Atlanta..... 11:45 a. m. 11:45 a. m. Trains 37 and 38, the Famous Washington and Southern Vestibule Limited, have Pullman vestibule sleepers between New Orleans and New York and Dining Cars between Montgomery and Washington, via Atlanta. Trains 35 and 36, the United States Fast Mail have Vestibule Sleepers between New Orleans and New York, via Atlanta. Direct connection at New Orleans for all points in Texas, Mexico and California, via the Southwestern Pacific Co. (Sunset Limited Route) and the Texas Pacific Railway. Be sure your ticket reads "Via the Atlanta and New Orleans Short Line."

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By virtue of a writ of *fi. fa.* issued out of the Hon. Sixteenth Justice's Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered case, I have caused the same to be seized and will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the office of Hon. Robert Tate, Grand Juror, parish of St. Landry, at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 1895, the following described property, to-wit: A certain tract of land in upper Prairie Macontaining 62 and 2/3 acres, more or less, and bounded north by the lands of Simon Victorian, south by Felicien Guibert, east by Jean Pierre Fontenot, and west by Curley Victorian. Terms—Cash on the spot. REHABILITATED FONTENOT, Nov. 9, 1895. Constable, 16th Ward.

To My Friends and the Public. I have this day connected myself with the W. M. Thompson Drugstore, and will be glad to meet my friends and serve them. I will also answer all friendly calls and fill all prescriptions, day and night. F. E. BAILEY, Opelousas, Oct. 18, 1895.

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The Only Question.

The most important question before the voters of Louisiana at present is the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to suffrage, and it is fortunate that the office seekers, malcontents and disappointed soreheads have not succeeded in dividing the democratic party into warring factions, thereby endangering its adoption. Every honest man in the State, be he democrat or republican, must favor the amendment if he entertains any hope of a pure and honest election law, therefore it behooves all such as are in favor of reform along this line, irrespective of party or principles, to relegate to the rear all other issues that may arise and to work and vote for the amendment.

The white people of this State can best protect their franchise by voting for the elective franchise, and by electing the ignorant and vicious class. The amendment takes from the hands of this element the ballot, and when this is done the educated and tax paying class can vote by public road, and in many instances as they see fit. The amendment, a part of our organic law, there will be an assurance of white intelligent government, and none would dare attempt to annul the will of a majority.

The suffrage amendment is the only question of importance before the voters of Louisiana and every man who has the good of his State at heart should work for its adoption.

For Fifty Years. The old Cough Remedy, Davis' Wild Cherry and Tar, has been selling in your country on its merits. Once tried, it is found to cure the cough, Cold, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, or Whooping Cough. If you have not used it, you will be convinced of its merit. Ask for Davis' Wild Cherry and Tar. 50c. and \$1 per bottle.

President Cleveland has designated Thursday, November 28th, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Sore Throat. An ordinary case may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm as directed. It is a certain and reliable cure is also famous for its cures of rheumatism, lame back and deep-seated and neuralgic pains. For sale by I. E. Shute, M. D., and Joseph Lafleur.

Pay your subscription. DIETLEN - MARRIED. DIETLEN - COMEAU - At the Catholic Church, Opelousas, La., on Monday, Nov. 12, 1895, Mr. Frank J. Dietlen and Mrs. Felicie Comeau, nee Durio, both of St. Landry.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Eleanor Anselm, of Bayou Choctou, departed this life, Nov. 12, 1895, after suffering intensely for eight days. Her death was occasioned by a fall which dislocated her shoulder. She was a devoted and religious widow, and her husband was a true Christian. Her death was a great loss to her family and to the community. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. E. Shute, and her children, Mr. J. E. Shute, Jr., and Mrs. J. E. Shute. Her funeral will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Catholic Church, Opelousas, La.

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