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OPELOUSAS:  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1896  
**DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET**  
For Governor:  
MURPHY J. FOSTER, of St. Mary.  
For Lieutenant-Governor:  
ROBT. H. SPYDER, JR., of Tensas.  
For Auditor:  
W. W. HEARD, of Union.  
For Treasurer:  
A. V. FOURNET, of St. Martin.  
For Secretary of State:  
JOHN T. MICHEL, of Orleans.  
For Attorney General:  
M. J. CUNNINGHAM, of Natchitoches.  
For Superintendent of Public Education:  
J. V. CALHOUN, of Orleans.

**The Leading Question.**  
Notwithstanding the fact that the Shreveport Convention endorsed the suffrage amendment and embodied it in its platform, several Democratic papers are still opposing it. One of these, published in this district, the *Church Point Advocate*, says in its latest issue:  
"Vote against the proposed suffrage amendment. Of course, under ordinary circumstances, we ought to favor any measure which eliminates the vicious, ignorant and the purchasable vote from politics, but if this cannot be done without depriving even our true and honest taxpayer of the right of franchise we should refrain from so doing."  
"Again, if the suffrage amendment is adopted the power is placed in the hands of a body of men, who are at present unknown to the public as legislators, to modify, change or amend an article of the constitution according to their own sweet will, and such modifications, changes or amendments which will become a part of the constitution without the publication and submission to the popular vote. This undoubtedly delegates too much power to legislators—especially as the legislators who will be entrusted with this power have not been yet selected by the people."  
This clipping embodies the main objections urged against this wholesome measure by those whose opposition is based upon the ground that some white men will be disfranchised by its adoption. The same objections have been heard upon all occasions for political publicans, by the Populists—who are making an open bid for the negro vote—and also by certain Democrats who are unpopular with their party, and who are also bidding for the negro vote. It is not surprising, therefore, that the measure is being opposed by the most influential and energetic of the people, and that the relations and friends of the few white men who would be eliminated from the body of electors would oppose their aspirations for office and mayhap defeat.

**Rice as Feed.**  
The market on low grade rice staggers and to look like a drunken man, although "good, better, best" grades are moving freely at appreciating values. As President Cleveland once tersely remarked, "We are confronted by a condition, not a theory," and may just as well recognize the fact that some better channel must be sought for the disposition of low grade rice. Rice—that rough, rice finely ground is universally used for feeding cattle and horses in eastern countries—the consumption in British Burma alone being 112,000,000 pounds per annum (over 600,000 sacks rough).  
Apropos of this subject, Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons, New York, recently wrote to one of their planter friends in this locality:  
"In reply to your query, 'What's the matter with the market?' would say nothing; the matter is with the quality which has so far come from your section. A large quantity of common rice can be sold at relative worth, but when the amount is excessive it becomes a drug and demoralization of price follows. The market ought never to have gotten into a present condition. We said in August or September last, in case of low prices for low grade rough, it would be better to grind the rough rice and use it at home as feed for cattle, etc.; but planters sent poor rice every winter and the market has been depressed relatively more for corn, oats and bran 165 pounds ground rough rice is worth \$1 as compared with corn at 25c, oats 25c and bran at 65c. Quite 300,000 sacks of these styles of rice have been placed on the market with very little sale. From \$50,000 to \$75,000 which they might have saved had they kept such at home and used as recommended, for feed. Not only this, but have been the means of dragging the market down so far that the price of rice is now one or two times the amount lost on other and better grades. The crop is not yet disposed of, and any rice that will not command 65c per barrel at home should be ground, fed to stock or sold to others for that use only. While it serves every purpose straight, we suggest a mix, say four parts rice to one of corn or oats. If you and your brother farmers will do as we propose, we believe there will be a saving of at least at all milling centres, but unless some such course is pursued, the present ruinous prices are likely to prevail the season through."

**Personel.**  
H. L. Etlich, of Bayou Chicot, spent Monday in town.  
W. S. France, Esq., returned from a business trip to New Orleans Wednesday.  
Mr. Jos. Miller, of Grand Coteau, paid us an appreciated visit last Wednesday.  
Mr. Lucius David gave our office a pleasant call last Monday, and left an appreciated reminder of his visit.  
Attorney DuRay has been laid up for more than a week with the measles, but we are glad to say, is now doing better.  
Geo. K. Bradford, Esq., of Rayne, spent several days in town this week and was a pleasant caller at our office Thursday.  
Thos. H. Lewis, Esq., returned last Thursday from New Orleans, whither he had gone to attend a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee, of which he is a member for the State at large. His Lewis accompanied him.

**The Public Cemetery.**  
On Feb. 6, 1893, the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas appointed the following Board and placed it in charge of the Public Cemetery: Messrs. I. E. Slute, E. N. Cullom, J. O. Ilay, B. A. L. L. and J. O. Thompson. That Board, on May 15, 1895, formulated, among other things, the following regulations, to which we have been requested to again call public attention:  
Second. It shall be the duty of the sexton to take care of the Opelmans Protestant Cemetery; to see that no nuisances or depredations are perpetrated within its limits; to report all nuisances thereon, or on the Academy grounds, to the proper authority promptly; to prevent all kinds of nuisance on either premises and to report any one to the President of this Board who may commit such offences; to dig all the graves of persons who call upon him to dig them within the Cemetery; to point out the lots on which graves are authorized to be dug for such persons who may not be already owners of a lot; to see that those who do own lots, make or have made their graves in them; to see that the streets and walks of the cemetery are kept clean and free from refuse; to keep down weeds, briars and all wild undergrowth of every description and to perform all other duties usually and generally incumbent on sextons.  
Third. The Board in writing on the 1st Saturday of every month, in which it is hereby made its duty to report the condition of the cemetery, shall present both the Cemetery and Academy grounds; the number of interments of both the white and colored races; the names of persons interred, their sexes and ages; the amount of money received by him for digging graves, or for any other services rendered, and the names of persons performing prescribed duties.  
Fourth. Lots for graves shall not be sold for less than twenty dollars. The Cemetery shall be laid off in lots measuring fourteen by twenty feet, each fronting at one end on a street or alley, and the price shall be uniform.  
Fifth. Lots shall be sold for ten dollars and quarters thereafter.  
Sixth. The price of lots, half and quarter lots will be paid in cash, to the treasurer, who shall issue receipt therefor, and which receipt shall stand in lieu of a bill of sale. The treasurer shall keep a correct record of all sales, and shall transmit this record to him. Those who have their dead at rest in the Cemetery, will be held responsible for the spaces now occupied by them, and enclosed.

**OUR BLACK SUPERMAGNETS.**  
The sugar rolling finished.  
The darkies have returned.  
Their pile is now diminished.  
To the last cent they've earned.  
Wood-chopping and rail-splitting.  
Cost them nothing to do.  
Till their plow time soon beginning.  
Starts the cropping year anew.  
Free whiskey in this campaign.  
Like eye teeth given up.  
Scuffs, and face, and campaign.  
From a gold or silver cup.  
Then the white supremacy movement.  
For cold warlike competition.  
While in Pike there's no improvement.  
At Lamb's when water's high.  
There is no use talking Sambo.  
You had better strike the form.  
It beats to death the Mendocino.  
And will lead to life a charm.  
Work starts the blood to boiling.  
For cold warlike competition.  
And will furnish stomach oiling.  
Till you split the roasting corn.  
You may sit down by the fire side.  
Cook 'taters one by one.  
Till you run your pay for a ride.  
'Round the country all for fun.  
You can call upon Miss Liza Jane.  
Shoo 'em out till the corn comes.  
And when all's over, return again.  
To your livelihood and homes.  
OPELOUSAS, Jan. 29, 1896. OBSERVER.

**JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
**SYNDICATE SALE.**  
JULES PETITIN VS. HIS CREDITORS.  
No. 1574.  
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA.  
By virtue of an order of the Honorable Elected Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold by public auction, to the highest bidder, by the undersigned natural person, on the 11th day of February, 1896, at the store of Jules Petitin, in the town of Sunset, parish of St. Landry, in the town of Opelousas, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:  
1. A certain tract of land in the parish of St. Landry, containing about fifteen superficial arpents, adjoining lands of Jules Petitin, and the boundaries are unknown, being same property possessed at.  
2. Seven arpents wood land in the parish of St. Landry, bounded north by Marcel Richard, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
3. The undivided half of a certain tract of land in the parish of St. Landry, containing about five arpents, bounded north by Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
4. Another tract with buildings and improvements, bounded north by Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
5. Twenty arpents wood land in the same parish, bounded north by Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
6. A certain tract of land, being lot 4, section 6, township 8, south range 4 east, at which Jules Petitin, in the parish of St. Landry, containing ten and 60/100 arpents.  
7. A certain tract in St. Landry parish (enclosed) bounded north by Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
8. Two vacant lots, bounded north by public road, south by Mrs. Don Louis Savois, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
9. Twenty-eight arpents, near Bayou Coteau, bounded north by Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
10. Thirty-five arpents, more or less, adjoining Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
11. The above two tracts, Nos. 9 and 10, compose a farm situated in the parish of St. Landry.  
12. One hundred and thirty arpents of one-thirtieth interest in the property known as the "Petit Residence," in the town of Grand Coteau, parish of St. Landry, containing about five lots, with buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north by Jules Petitin, south by Jules Petitin, east by Jules Petitin, and west by Jules Petitin.  
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