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OPELOUSAS:
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National Democratic Ticket.

For President,
WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
Of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,
ARTHUR NEWELL,
Of Maine.

NOTICE

The firm of Leonce & L. A. Sandoz is dissolved by mutual consent. L. A. Sandoz retires from the OPELOUSAS COURIER, and the printing and publishing business of the paper will be continued by Leonce Sandoz for his own account. All bills against the late concern will be settled on presentation at the Courier office, and all parties indebted the same are requested to call and settle without delay.

L. A. SANDOZ.
Opeleousas, May 2, 1896.

A colored free silver club was organized in Monroe, La., last week.

Give Aaron Jacobs your order for an Overcoat, Mackintosh or winter suit and save money.

Pierre Aconin, who was arrested for the murder of Sully Billaudeau, has been removed to another parish for safe keeping.

The Academy of the Immaculate Conception reopens on the 1st Monday of September. The Sisters earnestly solicit the patronage of the public.

Ebert W. Hayes, died at his residence at Bayou Current, on the 27th ult., and was interred in the Protestant Cemetery at this place on last Saturday.

My school will be resumed the first Monday in September. I respectfully solicit patronage. Terms to suit the "hard times."
Mrs. M. M. HAYES.

Those who wish work done can have it on my return from Catarencia by addressing the Courier at Opeleousas, P. O. B. F. PERLEY, Gunwright.

Head off burglars and accidents by placing your valuables in a safety deposit box in the St. Landry State Bank, where you can rest easy.

There was a juvenile party given by Master Gilbert Dupré and other town boys last Wednesday evening, which was highly enjoyed by the little ones.

The insane colored boy named Simien who disturbed mass at the Catholic church last Sunday, has been interdicted by the Court and sent to the State Insane Asylum.

The Lake Charles Press makes the following modest request: "If any citizen has received the resignation of the Hon. Don Caffery which please bring it to this office."

A fair correspondent has kindly furnished us with an interesting report of the closing hour given by the Dancing Class at Sandoz Opera House on the 31st ult., which will appear next week.

The police Jury was in special session Tuesday and Friday. They convened for the purpose of examining reasons to run the District Court, but up to the time of going to press they had accomplished nothing.

We often hear the remark made that people should patronize the home merchant. Correct. But it is good policy for some of our merchants to have their job printing done in other towns? A man should practice what he preaches.

Don't fail to get prices and particulars for anything in the clothing line from Aaron Jacobs, who can supply clothing from Wanamaker & Brown's celebrated make at the lowest prices. Call and see samples.

The Louisiana Press Association will meet at Lake Charles on Sept. 9, 10, and 11. On the evening of the latter day the editors and their families will start on an excursion to Denver, Col., where they will remain several days, returning about Sept. 20.

Lost.—In Opeleousas, a breast-pin consisting of a gold bar with gold bird with silver tipped wings and tail, and holding diamond pendant in its mouth. Finder will be rewarded by the name of C. J. THOMPSON.

In speaking of the De LaVal Separator, advertised in another column, the worthy President of the St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, pronounced it "a wonderful piece of machinery." It is well worth the trouble of anyone owning a cow to investigate the claims of the Separator.

On last Sunday while father Engberink was delivering his sermon, a half-grown negro boy walked into the church speaking in a loud voice. He did not desert or leave the church when ordered to do so by the priest, but Constable Pat Cosgrove put in an appearance and ran the young darkey into the jail. It is believed that the boy is demented.

We inadvertently failed to make mention in our last issue of the 24th anniversary of the late, contemporary, the Donaldsonville Chief, one of our oldest and best Louisiana exchanges. We extend to its brilliant editor, L. E. Bentley, and his able and talented assistant, Mrs. Ella Bentley, our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the Chief's continued success and usefulness.

On last Saturday night, shortly after dark, Sully Billaudeau, a resident of Catarencia, was shot from ambush on the public road and instantly killed, only a few yards from his home. Judging from wounds on both sides of deceased's body the assassins must have been ambushed on both sides of the road, his body being horribly mutilated.

On last Wednesday Deputies Sheriff Johnson and Ozmeine Bertrand arrested Pierre Anconin, white, and Charles Foulonnet, colored, accused of said murder. The circumstances attending the assassination are cruel and diabolical, and the perpetrators can be identified if they ought to stretch hemp.

The District Court.

This tribunal was opened on Tuesday last, Judge Gilbert L. Dupre presiding.

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On the 31st Aug., Sec. pro tem. J. W. Craythorn, Sec. pro tem.

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Good Law and Sound Logic.

We publish the following extract from Judge Dupre's charge to the Grand Jury, as it will deeply interest our readers:

Gentlemen of the Jury:—Your oath requires you to do your duty faithfully, impartially and wisely and with an eye single to the public good. Justice is blind and should be dealt out even handed to the rich and the poor, the high and the low without reference to their rank or station.

Crime is crime no matter by whom committed. Neither the time, place nor circumstances under which it is committed, can relieve the author from the penalty which the law attaches to it.

It would be needless to my duty as the presiding officer of this court if I failed to warn you against the insidious and maudlin sentimentality which some people would have you subscribe to with a view of having offenders go unpunished.

Your oath is imperative. You shall present no man for envy, hatred or malice; neither shall you have any man punished for fear, favor or affection or hope of reward, but you shall present only those who are guilty according to your knowledge. Resolutions and appeals not to prosecute violators of the law because the crimes, forsooth, were committed in times of great political excitement should not make you swerve one iota from the path of duty. The law must be enforced at all hazards.

When courts cease to throw their protection around the life, property and liberty of the people, they encourage crime and anarchy. The citizens cannot feel safe in any land "where the law secures no life."

As I observed crime is crime no matter by whom committed, and no resolutions passed at a political convention "can blazon evil deeds nor consecrate a crime."

My duties are confined in charging you as to the law generally, and in doing so I could not refrain from adverting to these matters without being recent to the position which I do not from going wrong because I am wrong, and our parish will soon be restored to the proud position she once occupied.

Palsied be the hand and cloven the tongue that would now encourage lawlessness and disorder within our midst, by the violation of the law, which has in many ways. Let the "husbandman reap the fruits of his labor," peace and without fear of molestation: If the seed was sown in times of political turmoil and strife, let the crops be harvested in times of peace and plenty.

It was well for us, if many of those who survive him, would take his course in life, as a guiding star for theirs.

AN OLD FRIEND.
[Lake Charles papers please copy.]

Up to Date.

We have recently added, and will continue to keep supplied with new and improved type and printing material, cards, paper, envelopes, etc., and can promptly execute any job printing required at the lowest prices.

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We have made out our subscription and other bills up to May 9, and as there has been a change in the business management as well as in the editorial management of the paper, we trust that the small amounts due us will be promptly settled. Please call and square up or be prepared to settle with our collectors.

Parties having personal or other items of interest who wish mention of them in these columns, should call or drop us a note through the post-office, always giving their real names as a guaranty of good faith.

Rich Discoveries of Gold.

At Cripple Creek, Colo., and elsewhere, are being made daily, and the production for 1896 will be the largest ever known, estimated at Two Hundred Million Dollars. Cripple Creek alone is producing over One Million Dollars a month, and steadily increasing. Mining Stocks are advancing in price more rapidly than any other Stocks, and many pay dividends of 35 to 50 per cent. They offer the best opportunity to make a large profit on a small investment.

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AROUND THE EMPIRE PARISH.

Bellevue. Sept. 1, 1896.

Bellevue is still very much in need of rain. Stock is suffering for water.

We have been having some very pleasant weather for about a week—in fact one or two nights were very cool.

Mrs. Lassiter, Mrs. Smith and Miss Hollingsworth attended the Bloch sale in Opeleousas last week.

Mr. Sant is in Bellevue with his family now.

Messrs. John Leer and Frank Zernoff, of Washington, have been in Bellevue for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Kinnebrew spent one day last week in Breaux Bridge.

Mr. Charlie Pelcher, who has been quite sick for some time, is convalescing.

Dr. L. Daly was in Opeleousas last Saturday.

Mr. Johnnie Pekham, of Plaisance, was circulating among his many friends in Bellevue on last Sunday.

Mr. Laseum Maloune was in Bellevue last week.

Mr. Clifford and son, of Opeleousas, were in Bellevue on last Sunday. Mr. Clifford was here in the interest of a Sunday School Convention to be held in Opeleousas in the near future.

Hon. W. L. Truman was in Bellevue Sunday.

Miss Charlie Boring is visiting the Misses Malone, north of Opeleousas, this week.

We understand that the State Superintendent of Sunday Schools will next Saturday night and everybody is invited to come out and hear him.

Senator M. R. Wilson was in Opeleousas Monday.

We notice that F. A. Dimmick is going to Opeleousas pretty often of late. How about it, Frank, and everybody is invited to come out and hear him.

Miss Grace Malone was in Bellevue to-day.

Bayou Chicot.

The best time of summer is broken. Mr. A. M. Haas will leave about Sept. 1st to study dentistry.

Capt. Chas. Dossman and Judge Laurent Dossman were in town Saturday attending a lawsuit before Judge Carver's court.

H. D. Courtney, Esq., will attend the democratic convention at Opeleousas next Saturday.

The recent rains came too late to benefit cotton crops, but proved a blessing to peas, potatoes and stock.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. L. R. Robertson to Miss Mary Wolf.

Miss Grace G. Griffith, after an absence of three weeks at Glenmora, arrived home on Monday.

Otis, the youngest son of Major Wharton left Sunday to resume his studies at Keachie.

Miss Kate Griffith left on Monday to spend a while with the family of Austin Allen at Opeleousas.

Miss Minnie Neel will return from Water Valley, Miss., on Wednesday.

Dr. W. D. Haas and family are spending a few days here with relatives.

Several of our citizens are attending court this week.

District Court.

District Court opened in Criminal term on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, His Honor Judge Gilbert L. Dupre presiding.

Amended petition was filed in the contested election case of B. A. Guidry vs. S. J. Gosselin. Judge Espie then empaneled the following Grand Jury: Sidney L. Hebrard, foreman; W. D. Hargrover, Theophile Sandoz, Philogene Richard, Louis Andrus, Amarois Vitrine, Adrien Fontenot, Charles Anselm, B. A. Guidry, Henri Jonbert, Pat Donahy, Maurice Gussinski, John Andrus, Charles Peck, John M. Ozé, Theophile Fusilier. District Attorney L. Garland then polled the Grand Jury to find out if they were all citizens, or if there were any of them against whom Criminal accusation were pending, and each and every juror having given a satisfactory answer, they were duly sworn.

Thereupon His Honor the Judge delivered a clear, learned and vigorous charge, instructing them as to their several duties. The Jury then retired to the chamber of their deliberation, and Court adjourned till Wednesday at 9:30 a. m.

In the matter pending before the Grand Jury against T. B. Brooks, Chas. Thibodeau and A. D. Harmanson, District Attorney Garland renounced himself having been of Counsel, the Court appointed W. J. Sandoz acting District Attorney in the case.

A preliminary motion in the contested election cases in the Plaquemine Ridge ward, for magistrate, constable and police juror was argued and submitted.

The Contested election cases of J. Gosselin vs. E. McGee, Patsy Stator, B. A. Guidry vs. S. J. Gosselin magistrate, and Anselm vs. Moreau Constable, Mallet ward, were dismissed by Judge Dupre on an exception of no cause of action.

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Card of Thanks.

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