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National Democratic Ticket.

For President,
WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
Of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,
ARTHUR SEWALL,
Of Maine.

NOTICE.

The firm of Leonce & L. A. Sandoz is dissolved this day 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 to same are requested to call and settle without delay.

LEONCE SANDOZ.
L. A. SANDOZ.

Opelousas, May 2, 1896.

The Independent Lumber Yard.

We never combine to raise prices. See us before buying. We meet all prices.
WHITE & SKILES.

The proceedings of the Police Jury will be found in this issue.

In an another column we publish a full proceedings of the last meeting of the school board.

Any person wishing to see the full text of the new election law can find a copy in our office.

A nice lot of fresh dry goods, dress goods, hats, shoes, notions, etc., just received by L. A. Sandoz. Cheap.

Major Ben Bloomfield has been appointed a notary public in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

A house and crib belonging to Jules T. Fontenot was burned to the ground last week, in the neighborhood of Lanseau Pailles.

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

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.

Our readers will please excuse any shortcomings in this issue. The publisher being away attending the press convention at Denver, and our foreman being *hors de combat*, we issue this edition under great difficulties.

The town council met last Monday and received the draft of the new charter for the town of Opelousas. One of the most important features of this new charter is the provision for the election of Mayor and constable directly by the people.

The Grand Jury made its final report last Monday, and it will be found published in another column. It would be well for the people to read this document carefully, as the ideas therein embodied are of the greatest importance.

Louis Colomb, individual bookkeeper of the Union National Bank of New Orleans, committed suicide last week. Colomb and his partner in crime named Frank J. Leefe, looted this bank to the extent of about six hundred thousand dollars.

Ladies attending the Opera are respectfully requested to bear in mind that a statute was passed by the last general assembly forbidding the wearing of headgear that would in any way be obstructive of the view of the stage, and they are expected to conform therewith.

At a ball given at Mamou last Saturday night, a difficulty took place between two young men named Prosper Ladreneau and Dreux Fuselier, during which Landreneau fired upon Fuselier with a double barreled shot-gun. Seven buckshots lodged in Fuselier's head, and yet his wounds are not mortal.

Mrs. Hudspeth's pretty cottage has been completed and is now ready for rent. It occupies one of the most desirable situations in town for a residence. It is modern in all its parts, bran new elegantly finished, and offers a fine opportunity to any one desiring comfort and elegance in a home. Anyone desiring to rent may apply to Mrs. Hudspeth, on the premises.

A large number of white men from the different country wards of St. Landry, were brought in this week to answer to indictments for shooting into dwelling houses. All these parties were members of what is known as Regulators, and these indictments are the fruits of the last campaign of intimidation. Verily the way of the transgressor is hard.

The public who are ever ready to avail themselves of the best opportunities offered in trade, will be glad to learn that Fred. L. Sandoz, corner Landry and Liberty streets, is the place where, by simply looking through his glass front, you can readily see his well arranged stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, etc., and perceive the promptness and courteousness with which his clerks serve the customer to the very best goods at the least possible profit. See his new and attractive double-column ad. in this issue of the paper and don't fail to give him an early call.

It will be well for our readers to bear in mind that on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th of October, the grandest races ever witnessed by our people will come off at the Sunnyside race track in Opelousas. Some of the best horses in or out of the State will participate in this grand race. The management have invested largely in the way of offering prizes, the track will be put in apple pie order, and everything has and will be done to make the occasion one of the most events of the time. Since the management have been so liberal in their expenditures, it behooves our people to patronize them, and make the undertaking a grand success.

Personal.

C. N. Ogden went out to Leonville Monday.

Capt. J. J. Thompson made a flying trip to Cheneyville last Monday.

Mr. M. J. Cunningham, Jr., and wife left for Natchitoches this week.

Michel Robin, of Port Barré, attended court this week.

Miss Inglis Fraser visited friends in Opelousas this week.--Crowley Signal.

Mrs. Chas. Bloch, of Dallas, Texas, is in Opelousas, the guest of her brother, Mr. W. R. Cochran.

Mrs. M. M. Hayes went out to Prudhomme last Sunday for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Home Mission and Parsonage society.

Dr. Stewart Sandoz came up last Friday from Jeanerette. The Dr.'s many friends, especially God's best gifts to men, were glad to greet him.

George Chacheré, who has been home on a visit to his family, returned to Whiteville the first of the week. We learn that he is erecting an elegant little chapel at that place.

After attending the Louisiana Press Association at Lake Charles, Mr. L. A. Sandoz concluded to extend his trip by attending the Western Editorial Federation at Denver, Col.

Mrs. Pasquale Del Buono and daughter, Rosa, returned home from Citronel, Ala., Sunday, the latter being very much relieved of the painfulness of a wound recently received.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Skipper left for Dallas, Texas, last Tuesday, where they will hereafter reside. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Skipper wish them all kinds of prosperity in their new home.

Our young friend Alvin O. Price left for Port Gibson, Miss., to resume his studies in Chamberlain Hunt school at that place. Alvin is one of the bright boys of our town, always gentlemanly in his conduct, and we predict and honorable career for him.

Two of our city's prettiest and most popular young ladies, Misses Pearl and Eloise Chacheré, returned last Sunday from an enjoyable visit to Big Cane, Evergreen and Whiteville. If it wasn't for the knowledge that they would be vile trespassers, half of North St. Landry's young gallants would be settled in their intention of moving to the parish site.

Jimmie Shute left this morning for Louisville to attend a mechanical school after visiting the family of Mrs. Olive Brubaker and other relatives here for the past week. Jimmie is the son of Dr. Ira Shute formally of this place and when he left here with his father to make his home in Opelousas La. was quite a small chap but returns a good looking young man.—Ashland (Ky.) Republican, of Sept. 5th.

Not Guilty.

On last Thursday and Friday Court was occupied on the trial of the case of the State vs. T. B. Brooks et als, under an accusation of manslaughter. The accused, Brooks, Harmanson and Chas. Thibodeau were acting as special officers in this town during the political troubles. On the 14th of March three men named Roy reached here from Ville Plate where they had spent the best part of the day terrorizing the negroes and whites who opposed them, in order to deter them from voting. About eight o'clock that night the Roys created some disturbance, and when Brooks and his associates placed them under arrest, one of the party named Cook Roy resisted, and after a short while Adrien Roy fired a shot at the officers, when a general fusilade ensued. Jesse Roy was killed and the other two Roys were wounded. The trial was warmly contested, the State being represented by Messrs E. B. Dubuisson and W. J. Sandoz. The interests of the accused were looked after by Messrs. Kenneth Baillio and E. P. Veazie. The evidence clearly showed that the three accused had acted in self defense, and had kept within the law, while on the other hand it was evident that the Roys were trying to inaugurate their regulating system. The manner that the Roys and their friends entered town that evening clearly indicated that they were on mischief bent. The jury, which was taken from among some of the best citizens of the parish, were out about ten minutes, when they returned a verdict of not guilty. Great interest was felt in the case because of the fact that the three accused are good, peaceable citizens, whose past conduct had ever been uniformly good, and from the further fact, that they had exposed their lives for the protection of the life and property of our citizens in keeping down a crowd of lawless men who had been terrorizing the parish.

The nominating convention of the Third Louisiana District met at Morgan City for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress. Hon. Robert F. Broussard, of Iberia, was nominated, the vote standing: Broussard 55, A. C. Allen 54. The nomination was made unanimous. Resolutions were passed condemning Senator Don Caffery, urging him to resign, and declaring to the world that if he did not do so, that Louisiana repudiated all his speeches, votes and actions. Verily, "Cousin Don" is being heavily pelted.

With this issue the COURIER commences its forty-fourth year. During this long period, we have shared the people's fortunes, ever battling for their rights, and for the best interests of this parish. The COURIER has witnessed the birth and death of many papers in this town, and has kept up its consistant course. Thanking our friends for past patronage, we solicit their future favors.

With the setting of the sun on Wednesday commenced, what is known to the Jews as Yom Kippur. For twenty-four hours they touch no food or drink, not even tasting water. Business on that day is entirely suspended by Israelites.

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

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

The Financial question is a puzzle to many people, but not more so than how Landeau Bros. manage to sell clothing so cheap.

Final Report of the Grand Jury.

Your Grand Jury beg leave to submit their final report. We have been confronted with a large accumulation of criminal matters, many of which are of a serious character. We have reported true bills in 96 cases, and have ignored bills in 57 cases. We find that there is a disposition among a certain element of people to use grand juries as a means of avenging their private wrongs without any appreciation of the expense which must necessarily follow; not with a view of vindicating the law, such presentation oftentimes coming from persons themselves under accusation, and of alleged offenses long since committed.

Another evil assuming proportions which promises to hamper the grand juries in their working is the disposition which parties have to delay presentations of cases until such time as the Grand Jury is actually in session. The witnesses are oftentimes not procurable because of the rush of work accumulated in the hands of the officer, and criminals justly deserving punishment go unpunished. We would therefore suggest that all parties having complaints to make to the grand juries, do so, either by affidavits made prior to the meeting of such bodies, or by complaints lodged with the prosecuting attorney in time to procure the attendance of the necessary witnesses. We find that the law prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons is openly violated. This practice we consider the direct cause of much of the crime now prevalent in our parish. Oftentimes conflicts are precipitated between parties, who, in the heat of passion resort to the use of deadly weapons as a means of settling their disputes, terminating too often fatally. We are of the opinion that if the law prohibiting concealed weapons was strictly enforced, and a sufficient fine imposed when convictions are secured, to deter others from a violation of this statute, many of the crimes now prevaling in our parish, would be prevented and our criminal expenses considerably lessened.

Another statute which is openly violated, and conducive to much evil, is that forbidding the sale of goods, wares and merchandise on Sunday. In the past the violation has not been so open as it is at present. Those engaged in its violation no longer content themselves with opening their rear doors, but throw open their front doors, seemingly bidding defiance to the law. Your Grand Jury believes that all laws should be enforced, that a violation of the lesser criminal statutes, engenders a contempt for all laws, and calculated to increase the extent of crime, if that be possible, now prevailing. We would, therefore suggest that the Sunday law be strictly enforced and that hereafter the District Attorney file information for each violation of this statute, and that the maximum fine fixed by the statute be imposed in each where convictions are secured.

We have examined the public condition of the public roads throughout the parish, and with but few exceptions, find them in very good condition. We have likewise examined into the condition of the public buildings. The Courthouse we find in a good condition and well kept. The addition, however, comprising the Clerk's office and Police Jury room is, in our opinion, in a dangerous condition. From some cause unknown to us the new building seems about to rent in twain, the happening of which would be dangerous to the public records, and attended perhaps with the loss of human life. We would respectfully call the attention of the Police Jury to the condition of each building, and urge upon them the necessity of immediate action. The prisoners are well cared for and seem contented with the quantity and quality of food furnished them. The jail building needs repairing in several places and the windows should be provided with shutters to prevent the rain from beating upon the prisoners confined within.

It had been our intention to examine into the books of all public officers, incoming and outgoing, but for want of sufficient data we have been unable to do so. We would most respectfully suggest that a thorough investigation of the books of all public officers be made by experts and their report submitted to our successors as a proper matter for their consideration.

Your Grand Jury would consider that they were derelict in their duty were they to fail to call attention to the extent of lawlessness throughout this parish within the last six months. Seemingly law was suspended in order to afford an opportunity to the lawless to carry out their nefarious schemes. Private rights and private property were no longer respected, and the most sacred provisions of our Constitution trampled under foot. Armed bodies paraded our highways, causing consternation and terror wherever they passed, frightening women and children and disorganizing labor. No country can prosper where such a rule of terror prevails, and no community can be happy and contented where law secures not protection to life and property. We can find no excuse for such armed bodies who so disregard the value of human life, as to fire the deadly bullet into a house crowded with women and children. Unfortunately the executive officers made no attempt to suppress this condition.

We trust, however, that the sun of lawlessness has set forever, and we urge upon the present executive officers to suppress all future outbreaks, no matter at what cost, to the end that St. Landry may again occupy that proud position she once held among her sister parishes, and that the eye of investors may be again turned upon her fertile prairies, and her people once more made prosperous, contented and happy. Respectfully submitted,

S. L. HEBRARD,
Foreman.

The following are the returns of the Grand Jury made Saturday last and Monday of this week:

NOT A TRUE BILL.

Wm. Green, Tristie Thomas, James Holmes, Joseph Ardoin, Sainville Jeansonne, Avenant Carriere, Ferdinand Fretté, J. T. Skipper, Lucien Bellard, Christoval Hilstock, Towson Primus, May Bruno, J. B. Richard, Marius Aucoin, Alfred Frugé, Arthur Collins, Gerand Collins, Alexandre Zerangue, Arthur Aucoin, Willis Fontenot, Pierre Guillory, Alfred Frugé, Chistoval and Louis Hilstock, Adema Guillory, Manuel Henry, Aguelle McDaniel, Emar Marcantel, Ucaris Fontenot.

TRUE BILLS.

Emil Elias and John Koory, larceny; Wm. Suiter, Wm. Cooper, Chas. Hammer, violating sec. 839 R. S; Armand Richard, shooting while lying in wait; Monty Guidry, petit larceny; Abram Dayas, violating labor contract; Gilbert White and Edward Jackson, trespass; Julius Meyers, violating Act 108 of 1884; Arthur Collins, murder; Van Howard Manslaughter; Jeff Davis, murder; Ambrose Guilloy, violating labor contract; Theophile Phillips, concealed weapons; Joachim Guillory, larceny; Sylvester Brunson, shooting with intent to murder; James Jackson, concealed weapons, James Lewis, cutting with intent to murder; Willie Nerault, concealed weapons; Richard Jones, larceny; Peter Robertson, concealed weapons; Joseph Sayant, shooting with intent to murder; Octave Robertson, larceny; Edgar Antoine, concealed weapons; Mel Hinkley, larceny; Jules Kaufman, shooting with intent to murder; Onile Tate, John Appling, Ernest Soileau and Joseph Soileau, shooting at a dwelling house; Dr. G. W. Martin, murder; Dr. Virgil Reynolds and Dr. Charles Foote, murder; Cleophas Moreau, Angelas Landry, Joseph Cortez and John Appling, shooting with intent to murder; Azelien Frugé, Valcenour Ardoin, Bazile Fuselier, Pierrot Aucoin and Willie Shuff, shooting with intent to murder; Cenas Veillon, concealed weapons; M. L. Swords, assault with intent to murder; Louis Sibile, entering in day time with intent to murder; Sylvus Ardoin, Onez Ortego, Artemon Ardoin, breaking and entering in nightime with dangerous weapons. The following parties were indicted for violating Sunday law: Eugene Lavergne, F. H. Eddy, Austin Lacombe, Leopold Mann, Arthur Veltin, J. C Spyrer, J. Erhardt, Don Louis Taylor, J. Lassalle, Ertemon Lafleur, Olivrel Guillory; Wm. Crawford, Lucins Pitre, Joseph Lamb, E. V. Barry, C. J. Richard, H. Bloch, A. Coreil; — Rogers, Albert Andrus, Jules Reed, J. DeVargas, Edgar Amy, Adrien Roy, Gustave Fuselier, Fred. L. Sandoz, E. Topp, Julien Claude, Eug. Lachapelle, Numa Ferrand, Louis Desmarais, Jr., Demosthenes Quebedeau, Marcena Breaux, Marx Firnberg, J. B. Sibille, Sibille Bros. & Co.

Final Proceedings of the Board of School Directors Appointed Oct. 1, 1892.

OPELOUSAS, Sept. 7, 1896.

All members present save Dr. G. A. M. Cooke and M. R. Wilson.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Chairman of Committee on Vouchers reported the vouchers of Robt. Chachere, Treasurer to the amount of $19,424 31 had been cancelled, leaving a balance on hand Sept. 1896 of $13 96, and on motion of W. S. Frazee, said report on settlement was approved.

On motion of Dr. V. K. Irion, meeting adjourned. A. L. FONTENOT, Pres.
W. S. FRAZEE, Secy.

Proceedings of the Board of School Directors for St. Landry Parish Appointed and Qualified Sept. 7, 1896.

OPELOUSAS, Sept. 7, 1896.

Members present: Dr. E. Thompson, Robt. Lafleur, J. L. Guilbeau, J. J. Neyland, W. S. Frazee, W. S. Boykin, Dr. V. K. Irion, A. L. Fontenot and Yves Andrepont.

On motion of Robert Lafleur, Dr. Thompson was elected Temporary Chairman and W. S. Frazee Temporary Secretary.

Yves Andrepont nominated Dr. V. K. Irion for President of the Board and W. S. Boykin nominated A. L. Fonienot, and said A. L. Fontenot was declared elected President by the following vote: For Irion—Andrepont, Lafleur and Thompson, Irion voting blank; for Fontenot—Boykin, Frazee, Neyland, Guilbeau and Fontenot.

On motion of J. L. Guilbeau, W. S. Frazee was elected Secretary and Superintendent.

Supervisors were elected as follows: 1st District, Irion; Second District, Guilbeau; 3d District, Andrepont; 4th District, Boykin; 5th District, Neyland; 6th District, Lafleur; 7th District, Thompson, and 8th District, Frazee.

Delegations heard and petitions read.

On motion of Dr. Irion, the President of this Board is instructed to enter suit at once to recover certain lands donated to the Town of Opelousas some two years ago, more or less, for streets, and that W. S. Frazee be and he is hereby employed to prosecute said suit—fee to be fixed by the President.

The meeting then adjourned to Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 1896.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1896.

On motion of the respective supervisors, schools were located and teachers appointed as follows:

FIRST DISTRCT.

ST. LANDRY HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. T. H. Harris, Principal, $125; Chas. F. Trudeau, 1st Assistant, $75.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Miss Emmie McMurdo, $50; Miss Bilell Hebrard, $40; Miss Effie Ealer $40; Mrs. Mayer, $40; Mrs. Florence Wartell, $40; Miss Belle Dupre, $30.

Prairie Bass—Miss Hilda Mayer.
South Bellevue—Eva Griffith.

OPELOUSAS COLORED SCHOOL.

James H. McGaffey, Principal, $30; Miss Lessie Green, Assistant, $25.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Grand Coteau—J. J. Barry, Principal, $40; Miss Noemie Richard, Assistant (grammar school).
Guidry's—Miss L. Estorge.
Devalcourt—Miss Rose Gardiner.
Lower Coulee Croche—Miss Ella Persons.
Pecks—Miss I. Richard.
Prairie Bass—Miss Pearl Harmansou.
Gardiner's—Mrs. M. Gardiner.
Bellevue—Evie Griffith.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Robin's—Ida Hinkley.
Port Barre—Lou Mudd.
Arnaudville—(½ school) Valentine Guilbeau.
Prairie Des Femmes—Mrs. T. F. Reed.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Big Cane—W. Boudreau, $40, (gammar school)).
Morrow—Ella Norcross.
Rosa—Mrs. F. G. Callahan.
Palmetto—Mrs. M. G. Tanner.
Upper Waxia—Mrs. C. Dunbar.
Mellville—Grammar School—Miss Josie Thoms, Principal, $40; Miss Bessie Glaize, Assistant, $30.
Bayou Current—Miss M. Scott.
Big Cane and Rosa (colored), G. B. Gibson, (subject to examination) $30.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

On motion of J. J. Neyland, A. W. Bittle was appointed Principal of Washington Graded School—salary $75 per month, by following vote: Lafleur, nay; Irion and Andrepont, blank; Guilbeau, Neyland, Boykin, Frazee and Thompson, aye. Assistants, Miss Desmare and Mrs. Anderson; place of Miss E. Hawthorne subject to competitive examination between Miss Hawthorne and Miss Alice Hinkley.

Paul Stagg's School—Miss S. Kavanaugh.
Garland—Miss Lizzie Leake.
Tate Cove—Miss Laura Martin.
Debaillon—Miss Edith Mayer.
Cataro—Mr. T. R. Carroll, Sr.
Barbreck, at Morrisson's—Miss Cora Martin, and Miss Maud Stephenson (competitive examination).
Wilson's Saw Mill—J. A. Wright and Miss Beulah Kavanaugh, (subject to examination).
Washington Colored School—J. E. Keary.
Whiteville—Miss Mabel Stephenson.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Oak Grove—Katie Griffith.
Clark's Mill—Mrs. D. Newell.
Dossmann—Ella Olliver.
Lone Pine—Lottie Cushman.
Cheney Old Field—Rosa Tatman.
Middle Pine Prairie—Maggie Tatman.
Lutz—(½ school) D. H. Quirk.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Ville Plate—Graded School—E. E. Ortego, Principal, $75; Miss B. Tatman, Assistant; Miss H. Vidrine, Asst.
Bordelon's—W. H. Tatman.
Chataignier—Miss A. Hunter, Principal.
Bacon's—Miss Celeste Landreneau.
Eureka—Miss L. Wright.
Lutz's—(½ school 6 & 7) D. H. Quirk.
Tate's School—Miss Olive Grffith.
Miller's School—Mrs. H. Vidrine.
Debaillon's School (5 & 7)—Miss Edith Meyer.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Eunice—Grammar School—Miss Virginia Dormon, Principal, $40; Mrs. M. C. Boutte, Assistant.
Manuel's—Grammar School—Miss Nettie Littell, $40.
Pearceville—Mary Taylor.
Rougeau's—Mrs. M. E. Reed.
Guidry's—Miss T. Andrus.
Plaquemine Ridge—P. H. Maroney, he having been exonerated from charges against him.

The following schools are open to competitive examination, to-wit:

1st District—Prairie Ronde, Andrepont's, West Bellevue and Teche.
3rd District—Leonville, Cormier, Notleyville.
6th District—Turkey Creek, Oakland and Beaver.
7th District—Assistant at Ville Platte Graded School and Fruge's.
8th District—Read's Bridge and Mallet.

On motion of J. L. Guilbeau, the competitive examination is fixed at Opelousas High School, and the Prest. and Yves Andrepont appointed to assist Supt. in holding such examination.

On motion of J. J. Neyland the President and Superintent are authorized to settle with Assessor and grant quietus to T. S. Fontenot, former Sheriff.

On motion of Dr. Irion, Resolved, That whereas, it having been brought to the attention of this Board that certain public school teachers in their employ, so far forgot themselves during the recent political contest in St. Landry as to enter actively into politics, and thus incur the dislike and distrust of those patrons of the schools who entertained different views, and

Whereas, it is the sense of this Board that the public schools should be free from all political influences of every nature whatsoever; therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn, in unmeasured terms the action of all such teachers, and warn them against any repetition of such conduct in the future.

On motion of W. S. Frazee, settlement with Robt. Chachere, former Treasurer, approved and he discharged and his bond canceled.

On motion of Dr. Irion.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that a teacher, once assigned to a certain school, should be retained in that position so long as the school is continued (that is, from year to year) without being subjected to competitive examination; provided, of course, that said teacher's services are satisfactory to the Board and to the patrons of the school.

Bill of H. Bodemuller for $1.25 approved.

On motion of J. J. Neyland that these proceedings shall be published in the St. Landry Clarion.

On motion of Ives Andrepontt the meeting adjourned.

A. L. FONTENOT, Prest..
W. S. FRAZEE, Sec'y.

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 Hnudred 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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Send for these books at once if you are interested in any form of speculation or investments. They may prove profitable to you. ap18

Printers in need of a good newspaper press can get one at a bargain by applying at this office soon. R. Hoe & Co. make; will print an 8-column folio; is in fine condition; can be seen in operation; and will be sold at half original cost.

Henry Gardes, president of the American National Bank, of New Orleans, which was forced to suspend, Walter W. Girault, cashier, and T. H. Underwood, stockholders, have been arrested by United States officials on charge of embezzlement. The former are charged with embezzling $80,000 of the funds of the bank, and Underwood with aiding and abetting the others.

PENSIONS! PENSIONS!!

THE following named old soldiers will find it to their advantage to call at the office of W. J. Sandoz, Attorney and Notary, over the St. Landry Bank, Opelousas:

William Johnson, Jiles Ford, Terrence Dupré, Jos. Dent, Mingo Smith, W. L. Paul, Henry Jackson, Joseph Jones, Sam. Claborn.

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Opelousas, July 25, 1896.

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IN AUG. AND SEPT., 1896,
—VIA—
SUNSET ROUTE,

Round Trip Tickets from all Coupon Stations on the System will be sold at One Fare for the Round Trip.

To Louisville, Ky.—*Account L. A. W. National Meet, August 4th and 9th, limited to return August 17th,* 1896.

To Memphis, Tenn.—*Account Semi-Annual Meeting of Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association, August 10th and 11th, limited to return to August 17th,* 1896.

To Cleveland, Ohio.—*Account Biennial Encampment, Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, August 21st and 22d; limited to return to September 2nd,* 1896.

To Dallas, Tex.—*Account Meeting Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Sept. 20th and 21st; limited to return September 30th,* 1896.

Full particulars will be furnished on application to Agents of Sunset Route.

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In making this challenge I feel that I am acting on the defence as I have heard a great many mistaken rumors concerning the two horses, one particularly, that I have refused to race the said Cash Item since our race in July, '95. Now if you intend raceing please accept this challenge. If not would like to hear from you through the press of your town. I will also match my 2 year old colt, St. Patrick by Victor Hugo, against any 2 year old in the State on same conditions as stated above.
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PUBLIC SALE.

MYRA HACKL vs. ADALBERT HACKL.
No. 5[illegible]
PROBATE DOCKET—DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

By virtue of an order of the 27th Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, that I shall be sold at public auction, by the undersigned Curatrix of the Interdicted Adalbert Hackl, or by any duly qualified auctioneer, at the store occupied by the said interdict, situated on the west side of Main street, between Landry and Bellevue streets, in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, La., on

Thursday, October 1st, 1896,

The stock of good and merchandise composed mostly of hardware in the store lately occupied by said A. Hackl, on Main St., Opelousas, as aforesaid.

Terms and Conditions—One-fourth of the purchase price payable the 5th day of January, 1897; one-fourth the 5th of January, 1898; one-fourth January 5th, 1899 and one-fourth January 5th, 1900. To represent purchase price, the purchaser to furnish four promissory notes, each for one-fourth of the total amount, payable to his own order, and endorsed by him in blank, said notes to bear eight per cent annual interest from date. In case of said notes or any of them are placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or in case of suit to enforce payment, the maker or makers to pay attorney's fees fixed at ten per cent on principal and interests.

The first two of said notes to be signed by good personal security, in solido to the satisfaction of the Curatrix and the last two notes to be signed by good personal security in solido with good mortgage securities to the satisfaction of the Curatrix. To secure the payment of all of said notes, a vendor's privilege to be retained on the property sold until final payment of the price thereof. The property to be insured and kept insured by purchaser in some good company to an amount equal to three-fourths of its value. The policy of insurance to be made payable to the said curatrix to the amount of her interest, and to be delivered to her. The failure to pay promptly at maturity any one of the notes, will make all subsequent notes exigible and payable and the Curatrix shall have the right at once by executory process to seize and sell the stock of goods at sheriff's sale without the benefit of appraisement to satisfy the amount due her in principle, interest, attorney's fees and costs.

MYRA HACKL,
Curatrix.

Sept. 19, 1896.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between George Mathas and Jules Jeannard, under the firm name of Mathas & Jeannard, at Melville, St. Landry Parish, La., is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Mathas will continue the business for his own account.

GEORGE MATHAS,
JULES JEANMARD.

Having retired from the above business, I respectfully solicit for Mr. George Mathas a continuance of the patronage.

JULES JEANMARD.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 19, 1896.

NOTICE OF FINAL TABLEAU.

ESTATE OF L. B. SANDOZ.
PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT
ST. LANDRY. No. 5395.

Whereas, J. K. Sandoz, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the estate of L. B. Sandoz, decd., has filed a final tableau of classification of debts, distribution of funds and final account of administration of said estate, accompanied by his 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 Sept. 10, 1896,

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, to file same in writing, in my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why the said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed.

A. PAVY,
Sept. 12, 1896. 2t Clerk.

NOTICE!

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
August 11th, 1896.

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, La., on October 2d, 1896, viz.:

MADISON McGEHEE,

who made Homestead Entry No. 12746 for the S W ¼ of Sec. 34, Tp. 2, south range 1 west.

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

Louis Johnson, Chas. E. Carpenter, Andrew Richmond, Leonard Clark, all of Bayou Chicot, La.

G. McD. BRUMBY,
August 15, 1896. Register.

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, July 26, 1895.—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 B. Bloomfield, U. S. Commissioner, at Opelousas, La., on Monday, Sept. 16, 1895, viz.:

MATHEW NUGENT, JR.,

who made Hd. Entry No. 11634 for the S½ of S E¼ and S½ of S W¼, Sec. 36, Tp. 1, S R 1 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: George A. Fontenot, Steve Hazleton, Theodule Fontenot, Adolph Johnson, all of St. Landry parish, La.

G. McD. BRUMBY,
Aug. 3, 1895. Register.

NOTICE.

OFFICE ST. LANDRY HOMEST'D & LOAN ASS'N.,
Opelousas, Sept. 16, 1895.

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E. D. ESTILETTE,
Sept. 22, 1895. President.