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**OPELOUSAS:**  
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**National Democratic Ticket.**  
For President,  
**WILLIAM J. BRYAN,**  
Of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,  
**ARTHUR S. WALL,**  
Of Maine.

**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS:**  
At Large—**BENJAMIN MITCHELL,**  
First District—**ALBERT VOORHIES,**  
Second District—**SAMUEL J. KOHLMAN,**  
Third District—**A. FOURNET,**  
Fourth District—**LEE McALPIN,**  
Fifth District—**M. STEELE,**  
Sixth District—**J. T. WELLS.**

**NOTICE.**  
The firm of Leonce & L. A. Sandoz is dissolved by mutual consent. L. A. Sandoz retires from the business of the firm, 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 Police Jury was in session several days this week.

See advertisement of 300,000 bricks for sale, in another column.

Hicks, the weather prophet, says the coming winter will begin early and will be an unusually cold one.

Country orders for bread and cakes promptly filled at H. H. Sandoz's Bakery—Titard's old stand.

Clean your lot in the cemetery, as the 1st of November will soon be here, and the resting places of departed ones should be kept neat.

The cheapest line of Ladies' and Misses' trimmed Hats that were ever brought to Opelousas, at Firmberg Bros. See our Pattern Hats.

White & Skiles are evidently doing a roaring business in lumber, having received twelve carloads this week—and it is "going like hot cakes."

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

It takes but two weeks and two days to election day. Let us all put forth every possible effort to assure the election of the great commoner, W. J. Bryan.

**The Independent Lumber Yard.**  
We never combine to raise prices. See us before buying. We meet all prices.  
**WHITE & SKILES.**

The question of water, both for man and beast, is getting to be a serious one in this section. Ponds, bays, wells and cisterns are rapidly going dry, and in some places the water supply has completely given out already.

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

**Good Bread.**  
Good bread can only be made with good flour and an experienced baker—such can be found at H. H. Sandoz's Bakery—Titard's old stand. A share of the public patronage solicited.

In the case of the State vs. J. U. Bourque et al., Judge Dupré held a preliminary examination on Tuesday and Wednesday. He discharged young Fontenot and admitted Bourque and the two Richards to bail in the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars each.

**NOTICE.**—All persons having pictures to appear in the Illustrated Trade Review are requested to send photograph to the COURIER office without delay. It is desirable that all photos should be handed in on or before the 24th inst.

**BENEDICT BURE,**  
Editor Illust. Trade Review.

**Gold or Silver.**  
Will be accepted at Firmberg Bros'. They have just received the finest and cheapest stock of goods ever brought to this city. Latest novelties in dress goods and trimmings, and a noble line of Gents' neckwear, hats, shoes, etc. It will pay you to call. sept 26, 31.

The attention of cane growers in this and adjoining parishes is directed to the advertisement of the Caronero Sugar Manufacturing Co., in another column. Those interested will do well to correspond with Mr. You Phil, who will give prompt attention to all inquiries addressed to him.

We note that District Attorney Garland follows up all violations of the Sunday law by immediately filing an information, and that Judge Dupré follows up the good work by requiring an appearance bond of one thousand dollars in each case. This policy as if the Sunday law is about to be seriously enforced.

Alexandre Simien, colored, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary, made his escape from the parish jail last Monday night. Noah Veillon, white, also under sentence to the same place for four years, was caught when he was about a hole in the prison wall, and had the jailer deferred his round for an hour, he, too, would have escaped.

Capt. Auguste Perrodin died at his residence in Opelousas at 8:30 p. m. on the 15th inst., aged 88 years, 2 months and 3 days. He was a gallant soldier, and captain of a St. Landry company in the 10th Louisiana Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia, he carved with his sword a broad niche in the temple of his country's glory, and his name will ever be remembered with honor and respect.

High grade and low price Bicycles for sale at J. B. Sandoz's. oct 3, 4.

Bicycles with Morgan and Wright tires at very low prices at J. B. Sandoz's. oct 3, 4.

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

Copies of the COURIER containing the full text of the new election law can be had at this office at five cents per copy.

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

Mrs. Ledia Pitre, wife of B. F. Roberts, died at her husband's residence at Piquemine Ridge on the 16th inst. at 11:30 a. m. Deceased was a daughter of the late Nolle Pitre.

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## Battle Abbey Entertainment.

An Excellent Programme Rendered to an Appreciative Audience at the Opera House.

An exceedingly enjoyable time was passed last Friday night at the Opera House by the small but select audience that assembled there to hear the rendition of the programme gotten up under the auspices of the E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V., for the benefit of the Confederate Battle Abbey fund.

The curtain was raised at 8:30, when Mrs. Addie H. Reed recited "Battle Abbey," an original poem by Prof. S. F. Reed, which won the applause of the audience. Miss Mabel Ordren then entertained the audience with a song which was well received. The manner in which she delivered her solo was very creditable. She demonstrated the possession of high vocal talent. The piano recital by Miss L. Randall was delivered in an exceptionally fine manner, as was shown by the appreciation of the audience.

Prof. Mayer and Miss Alice Latour rendered the violin and piano duet admirably, and won for themselves the enthusiastic applause of the whole house. Mr. A. C. Skiles gave a beautiful solo on the cornet which held his listeners in admiration. The solo "Flour de Margherita," by Miss O. Luns, received a merited ovation and an encore from the audience. Miss Luns possesses a beautiful voice, evincing culture and good training. Miss Ada Sandoz's recital on the piano was received well, the faces of several of the musical characters. The pretty song by Miss Zuder was another exemplification of fine vocal culture and was rendered in a most creditable manner. The fair and talented young artist was enthusiastically endorsed by the thoroughly educated audience, she was applauded and failed to reappear.

The entire programme was exceedingly well arranged and put forth, and does great credit to the management as well as to the participants.

To the untiring efforts of Mrs. C. B. Andrus and Dr. Mayer, the chairman of the committee on arrangements, may be accredited the successful carrying out of the different features.

The financial part of the entertainment was not at all brilliant, success due to the short notice the public had received, as there is no doubt the features were attractive and the motive a worthy one.

Are You Left Out?  
Or Will Your Portrait Appear in the Annual Trade Review?

Messrs. Burr and Hamilton, the two gentlemen who have been in the city for the purpose of collecting data for the publication of an *Illustrated Trade Review* of St. Landry Parish, will, during the coming week, visit Washington, Sunset, Grand Coteau, Vile Platte and other settlements throughout the parish.

They have that week but very few exceptions every merchant, business and professional man of any consequence in Opelousas has contributed towards the compilation of their work, and that which completed it will contain the faces of prominent citizens in the parish, together with illustrations of residences and business blocks.

No business man in this city should be omitted, as coming generations will appreciate and preserve this work, from the fact that it contains so much that would otherwise never find its way into public records. It will stimulate business, enhance property, and promote emigration, and is consequently worthy of support and patronage.

No more than one portrait in the city will be visited by the above named gentlemen, as their time will be occupied in other parts of the parish. Should there be any among the few who have not contracted for space in this publication with the desire to have their names appear, they can have a representative call on them by dropping a card to this office within the next five days.

On Saturday a mistrial was entered in the case of the State vs. Dr. Martin, the jury being unable to agree. The jury was ordered to reconvene on Monday and two for acquittal—the two for acquittal being Eli Mimms and Sebastian Vidrine. The case was hotly contested, Messrs. Dubuisson and Frizez making a strong defense for their client, while District Attorney Garland's prosecution of the case was able and vigorous.

While the State failed to secure a conviction in this case, yet the trial will result in a good deal of good to the community, for it demonstrates beyond doubt that a large majority of our people are opposed to regulation, and furthermore that the authorities will prosecute such offenses vigorously, no matter how much influence the accused may be able to bring forth. Both Judge Dupré and District Attorney Garland commanded the respect and admiration of our people for the manner in which they conducted this most important case, and it is safe to predict that under the administration of these two officers, law and order will hereafter prevail in this parish. Late Saturday evening Dr. Martin was admitted to bail in the sum of five thousand dollars.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 21st, the ladies of Whiteville will give a grand entertainment, consisting of tableaux, ball, supper, refreshments, etc., at the Whiteville Hall, for the benefit of the Chapel at that place. Admission 25 cts.; children 10 cts. Doors open at 7:30, performance begins at 8:30. The COURIER returns thanks for an invitation from the ladies of Whiteville to attend this interesting entertainment.

In New Orleans, last Tuesday, the grand jury found a number of indictments against the president, cashier and five members of the board of directors of the late Bank of Commerce, the charges being of various kinds, including perjury, receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent, and concealing its condition.

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## District Court.

Criminal court adjourned on Saturday afternoon. A week's civil term was begun on Monday, when Judge Dupré passed the following sentences:

Martin Mayfield, shooting with intent to kill, two years penitentiary.

Theodore Jackson, shooting with intent to murder, ten years penitentiary.

Louis Jackson, horse-stealing, three years penitentiary.

Elias Arloin, violating hoodlum act, \$10 fine or 30 days in parish jail.

Adras Lafleur, carrying concealed weapons, \$25 or 30 days.

Raymond Breaux, concealed weapons, \$12.50 and costs.

Ralph Edwards, petty larceny, one year penitentiary.

Alice Gustaf, concealed weapons, \$25 and costs.

Alfred Stelly, assault and battery, 30 days jail—2 cases.

Wm. Gatson, concealed weapons, \$25 fine and costs.

Wm. Grant, petty larceny, six months penitentiary.

Leonidas Prewett, manslaughter, fifteen years penitentiary.

Octave Lachapelle, petty larceny, two years penitentiary.

James West, petty larceny, one year penitentiary.

Lucien Jackson, petty larceny, two years penitentiary.

George Thomas, shooting with intent to kill, 18 months penitentiary.

Richard Jones, petty larceny, 2 years penitentiary.

Arthur Collins, manslaughter, 10 years penitentiary.

Henry Giddy, petty larceny, eighteen months penitentiary.

Adolphe Jackson, robbery, ten years penitentiary.

Gilbert White, trespass, \$10 and costs or 30 days parish jail.

Octave Robertson, petty larceny, one year penitentiary.

Noah Veillon, petty larceny—3 cases—four years penitentiary.

Alexandre Simien, manslaughter, ten years penitentiary.

Andrew Davis, petty larceny, 2 years penitentiary.

Michel Stelly, petty larceny, 3 years penitentiary.

Arthur Lafleur, petty larceny, twenty months penitentiary.

Engene Louis, concealed weapons, \$25 and costs or 30 days.

Etienne Bardeau, hoodlum act, \$10 and costs or 30 days.

Sau Davis, petty larceny, two years penitentiary.

The net result of the term is thirty-one convictions, six acquittals and one mistrial—not a bad record for our Judge and District Attorney.

All who were sentenced to the penitentiary left for Baton Rouge on Wednesday except Arthur Collins, Leonidas Prewett, Michel Stelly, Adolphe Jackson, Sam Davis and Andrew Davis, who have appealed to the Supreme Court, and Alexandre Simien, who took "leg bail" last Monday night.

**Personal.**  
Mentor Akers, of Sunset, visited Opelousas this week.

Miss Lizzie M. of Melville, is visiting friends in Opelousas.

Capt. Sam'l. Breaux was in attendance upon the police jury this week.

Ex-Senator Homer F. Barousse, of Acadia, was in town on Thursday.

Chas. Anselm has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of his health.

Jules Québécois, of Arnaudville, was among the visitors to town this week.

Pierre Mistic, a prominent merchant of Léonville, was in town this week.

Ozémé Fontenot, of Old Grand Prairie, spent several days of this week in town.

Fred. L. Sandoz left for New Orleans last Sunday to lay in a fresh supply of goods for the fall and winter trade.

Judge T. B. Brooks left for Hot Springs, Ark., last Sunday, where he goes in search of health.

Miss Keene Corkery, our efficient court stenographer, went to Lafayette this week, where she was engaged to take testimony in an important case before the District Court.

The Committee on Battle Abbey from R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V., take this method of returning their sincere thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who contributed their time and services toward the entertainment on the 9th inst., and to whose patriotic efforts it is due whatever success was achieved on the occasion.

It is a source of gratification to the Veterans of the "Lost Cause" to know that their services to their country are not entirely forgotten in St. Landry, and that the noble ladies of the Empire Parish are now animated, as they have always been, by the same patriotic and self-sacrificing spirit that distinguished the heroic women of 1861—5.

**A. D. HARMANSON,**  
**A. B. ANDERSON,**  
Committee on Battle Abbey,  
R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V.

## The Races.

The Last of the Series Concluded Sunday Afternoon.

The races are over, the crowds have gone, and with them the gamblers, fakirs, bookmakers, prize-fighters (?) and other usual acquisitions. The city is again knocking down to solid business, but we cannot help but look back over the various features of the tournament, and when we do so we feel that great credit is due to the managers, judges and other gentlemen that interested themselves in the enterprise, as it was without doubt a pronounced success and a monument to the enterprise of this section. Every feature set forth on the programme was carried out; the crowds were well cared for, and nothing was left undone by the management that could lend to the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

In last week's issue we published the result of Thursday's races. Following is the result of Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's:

**FRIDAY**—1st race, one half mile trot or pace. Lucia B. won both heats, making the first in 2:01 and the second in 2:00.

The 2d race was a half mile dash between Dexter, Tida and Autenbain, the latter coming in a very close 54 seconds.

The 3d race was a one mile trot or pace between the following horses: Nancy Hanks, May, Corporal Cook, Little Nora and Wm. R. J. Little Nora won the first two heats in 2:35, and Corporal Cook came out victorious in the second two in 2:32.

The races then closed for the day, Little Nora and Corporal Cook running off the tie Saturday, when Little Nora won the money in 2:37.

**SATURDAY**—The first race was a three acre dash between Barlow and Jennie June, the latter coming in an easy winner in 1:12 seconds.

In the 250 class Mattie L. won three straight heats in the following time: 2:31, 2:29, 2:32.

Ractac won the three-quarter mile run in 1:34.

Belle also won three straight heats in the 200 class, her best time being made in the second heat in 2:32.

**SUNDAY**—Blakeney won the half-mile dash in 52 seconds.

The free for all was entered by the following horses: White Line, Tom Tipton, Belle and Minnie Taylor. In this race Belle and Tom Tipton were won by White Line in 2:18 and 2:17; Tom Tipton capturing the second in 2:17.

In the first heat of the 3-year old one mile trot or pace, Nancy Hanks, Ractac and Lightning, Nancy seemed uncontrolable and loped around the track and came in late the heat being won by Lightning. The judges declared all bets off and appointed another five for Nancy. In this next heat she came in an easy victor in 2:33.

Sunday was the gala day, a large crowd of spectators and music being furnished in abundance.

The races were a success in every feature, and too much credit cannot be given to the management of the Association for the able manner in which every detail was carried out.

Last Friday evening Jean Baptiste Vidrine, Cristoval Sylvestre and Marius Laviolette, living near Debillion's bridge, arrested a horse-stealer, fastening a bundle of fender to a horse's tail, setting it on fire, and then turning the poor animal loose on the public road. These three worthies imagined themselves secure in their wantonly cruel deed, but they were not so fortunate. Deputy E. S. Andrus appeared upon the scene and worked his official rabbit-foot so successfully that he secured ample evidence to lodge the trio in jail, where they are meditating upon "Lish's" skill.

We have made out our subscription and other bills up to May 9, and as there has been a change in the business 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.

**NOTICE.**—Divine services will be held in the Episcopal church at Opelousas on the 4th Sunday of each month at 9 p. m. in May and at 11 a. m. in June, and continuing alternately each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 8:30 a. m.

Sent five cents to The Peacemaker, New Orleans, and get a neat pamphlet of political information. It has the new registration and election laws, a sample of the Australian ballot, and is filled with just such information as you now need.

Grover Cleveland once said: "Public office is a public trust." The average Louisiana office-holder's idea is public office is a place to feather your nest and get the whole family up to the pie counter.—Shreveport Journal.

The St. Landry Homestead and Loan Association is an important factor in the upbuilding of Opelousas. Take a few shares, benefit yourself and assist in the good work.

Calaisien is one of the few parishes in Louisiana that has a gain in assessed value for 1896. The rolls show the figures to be \$7,378,455, against \$7,238,970 last year.

The Scientific American is the best educator you can place in the hands of your boy. Only \$3 per annum. We will forward subscriptions without extra charge. Call and see sample copy.

Those connected with the broken banks in New Orleans are perfectly helpless, only several hundred thousand dollars short. That's all—Morgan City Review.

If you need Letter Heads, Note Heads, Bill Heads or any other kind of job work, give us your order, and you will be satisfied with our work and price.

Cardinal Satoili's departure for Rome will be regretted by Catholics in general. He was looked upon as one of the ablest men of the Catholic faith.

There are said to be over 300 people in one ward of Natchitoches parish on the verge of starvation. The police jury has appropriated \$1000 for their relief.

Get your cotton seed meal at the St. Landry Oil Mill and feed it to your stock. It is cheap and nutritious. See advertisement.

Read your home newspaper and—pay for it.

Now is the time to subscribe

## Political Notes.

Occasionally the gold bug papers—Democratic as well as Republican—give the "sound money" paper, says:

"The gold reserve is away up—\$120,870,000. But Cleveland deserves no credit for this. The bankers have piled up the yellow metal in the Federal Treasury."

So, "the bankers have piled up the yellow metal in the Federal Treasury" have they? On several occasions during the past three years the treasury—that is to say, the gold reserve—was badly in need of "the yellow metal."

Did these kind-hearted, philanthropic bankers come to the rescue with offers of gold? Nit. Not much they didn't. On the contrary, they were very busy locating the aforesaid gold reserve in order to force an issue of bonds, which was necessary to open night schools, in which a practical course in rotting was given; and in spite of this, as we have already noted, many illegal ballots were cast. The Democracy of Louisiana, warned as it has been, should organize and instruct and not lose a vote that it can poll.

Up to last Tuesday Mr. Bryan had delivered 234 speeches and had traveled 9,500 miles in this campaign. He had spoken to more than three million people in person and to not less than forty million people in the public prints. McKinley up to Tuesday had made 75 speeches, all alike, and had traveled exactly 80 miles. Bryan has surpassed all other candidates for president in the enormous amount of work done and no candidate has ever approached him in the brilliancy of his speeches and the enthusiasm which he has aroused wherever he has been.—Bastrop Appeal.

For ingenuity in the elimination of incompetent voters the Alabama law is ahead of the program. There are eleven electors for each of five parties; and the fifty-five names have to be printed alphabetically on the ballot without any distinguishing mark. The law provides that an ignorant voter may have a man of his own party to mark his ballot for him.

The Feliciana Herald says that "voters who want to cast an intelligent ballot will study the financial question," and our esteemed contemporary might have added—the now election law.—Vermilion Star.

Bryan delivered eighteen addresses to eighteen different audiences on the 3d inst. at St. Louis. He is a wonder, sure.

Georgia gives the Free Silver Democratic State ticket 40,000 majority, and promises to give Bryan 50,000.

**A Card.**  
I respectfully announce to my patrons and the public generally that I will move to New Orleans on or about Oct. 20th, and all those who desire my services, will do well to call at my office before that date.  
V. K. IROX, Dentist.

To those who are indebted to me, I would request them also to come forward and settle their accounts and thus avoid unpleasantness.  
Sept. 26, 31. V. K. IROX.

An Arkansas editor has let himself out in this fashion: "You may have all the stars in a nail keg, hang the ocean on a rail fence to keep it from spilling, and you may as well try to keep the sky in a bag of eternity, let out the sun and the moon, but never delude yourself with the idea that you can escape the place you pay the printer."

For Sale—A complete newspaper outfit for 7 or 8 column paper; also, a newspaper press, Hoe's make, in fine order, at half-price; also, a job printing outfit. Apply to Leonce Sandoz, Courier office, Opelousas, La.

Parties visiting New Orleans should bear in mind that first class hotel accommodations can be had at Denochard Hotel, corner Carondelet and Perdido streets, at moderate prices.

The Louisiana State Fair, which will be held in Alexandria Oct. 23th to 31st