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OPELOUSAS, LA.,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1896.

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.

Free gumbo and free cake at the birthday party on December 18.

All the latest smokeless shells, empty and loaded, at Moriarty's gunstore.

Good bread can be had at H. H. Sandoz's Bakery—Titard's old stand.

Twentieth century gun mechanics at Moriarty's gunstore, Bellevue street.

Get your supply of coal from J. B. Sandoz. Best assortment and lowest prices.
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Come one, come all, rain or shine. The Ladies' Aid Society festival is your own birthday party.

Read our new advertisements. The merchants who advertise are the men to deal with. Go and see them anyhow.

Cutlery in great variety, and sewing machine supplies, at Moriarty's up to date gunstore, Bellevue street.

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

Don't fail to attend your own "Birthday Party" at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Hayes, Friday, December 18.

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

The jury commissioners drew a jury this week for the criminal term of the District Court commencing here on February 1st, 1897.

S. Rother Walker, of Lake Charles, a former resident of Opelousas, shot and killed Sam Kirkman at the former place last Saturday evening.

The Louisiana Medical Institute corps has been holding the boards at Sandoz Opera House with full houses and delighted audiences all the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of the Miller Portrait Company of St. Louis, are stopping at Mrs. Hayes', where they will take a class in crayon and pastel portraits.

Whatever your name, whatever your name, this year, December 18, is the time for your birthday party. Celebrate it.

Our esteemed friend, Mike Halphen, late with C. Dietlein, can now be found at the Whitehall grocery, where he will be pleased to meet his old friends.

For Sale—A comfortable room town residence and lot, with outbuildings. Apply to Mrs. D. L. Landry, of the Florence House, Opelousas, La.

The Independent Lumber Yard. Never combine to raise prices. See me before buying. I meet all prices.
A. C. SKILLES.

We will guarantee to teach you how to make portraits of no price.
MR. AND MRS. MILLER,
Studio at Mrs. Hayes' Residence.

Moriarty's gunstore is on a big boom, with the most complete stock of sporting goods in the State outside of New Orleans. If you doubt it you can win our \$1000 challenge which, says so.

On last Saturday James J. Bailey stood his examination for admission to the bar, and was granted a certificate by the court. He will practice law at Mr. Bailey will soon apply to the Supreme Court for his license.

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.

The Spaniards have once more killed General Maceo, of the Cuban patriot army. We have often heard it said that Maceo had nine lives, but Maceo is the only man one recollection that had to be killed so many times before he really died.

Mrs. F. E. Bailey is selling out her furniture at private sale. The effects consist of parlor, bed room and kitchen furniture, crockery, etc. Parties wishing to make bargains had better call on Mrs. Bailey, at her residence, on Main street.

We would warn the ladies of Opelousas of the existence of the High Hat law and that there is a severe penalty attached for the violation of any of its provisions. As it will be rigidly enforced at the entertainments at the Sandoz Opera House, the fair sex should profit by sage advice and take heed.

Last Tuesday, just after dark, Mr. A. Chabrier's house caught fire through the chimney, and had it not been for the timely assistance of the neighbors the house would have been devoured by the angry flames.—Marksville Review.

Dear reader, if you don't see what you can look through our advertising columns, you may find some enterprising merchant who believes in letting the world know that he is up and doing and ready for business. There are some individuals left yet, and they deserve your patronage, because they try to save you the trouble of hunting for what you need, they tell you where to go and get it.

We behalf of the people, we call upon you who have the matter in charge, if you are any widespread prosperity that would turn it loose.—West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

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The President's Message.

The message of President Cleveland is now before the public, having been read in Congress last Monday evening. This paper had been anxiously looked for, and hopes were entertained that the President would recommend some decided steps toward putting a stop to the atrocities being practiced in Cuba; but in this reading the public was sorely disappointed. Although a large part of the message is devoted to the Cuban question, it contains nothing but glittering generalities. It would seem that the Monroe doctrine caused Uncle Sam to "bristle up" so when England tried to rob Venezuela of a part of its territory, does not produce a like effect when the Spaniards are murdering and torturing men and women in Cuba, much nearer home than Venezuela. The Venezuelan affair, the condition of affairs in Turkey are incidentally mentioned. The message makes a statement of the condition of the public treasury, showing a substantial deficiency of our system. It is evinced by the hearty acceptance of the result of the last election. This will be Mr. Cleveland's last state paper; and we opine that the American public will bid him farewell without any feelings of regret.

District Court.

The civil term of the District Court convened on last Monday, according to law, with Judge Dupre presiding. The term will occupy all the month of December, cases being fixed as late as the 29th.

Judge Dupre recused himself in the following cases, having been of counsel: Opelousas Mercantile Company vs. Liquidators of J. Meyers & Co.; J. Meyers & Co. vs. Liquidators; referred to E. N. Cullom, judge ad hoc. J. Meyers & Co. vs. Orville Frége; C. Hébert vs. Joseph Déjean; referred to W. Day, judge ad hoc. Arnaud vs. C. W. Day, judge ad hoc. M. Levy & Sons vs. Laurent Dossman; referred to K. Baillif, judge ad hoc. Mary Ann Petit vs. D. L. Todd; referred to W. C. Perrant, judge ad hoc. Best Bridge Oil Company vs. T. S. Isaacs; V. Bogun vs. A. Wartelle; referred to W. S. Frazee, judge ad hoc. N. Burke Company vs. Louis Vanhille; referred to R. Lee Garland, judge ad hoc.

The court appointed the following jury commissioners: Henry Crawford, Henry L. Erlich, Gustave Fusilier, Cleophas Doucet and Garland Peck.

The judge amended Rule 6 of the code so as to read as follows: "Cases at issue on the first day of trial and appeals will be called on the first day of the term and fixed for trial upon motion of either counsel. When not reached on the day fixed, they will be re-argued on a subsequent day, on motion of either party." Rule No. 11 is repealed.

There are several peripatetic gamblers who are running swindling concerns, such as wheels of fortune and other games, in the Bridgeville part of our town, who are mercilessly fleecing the negroes and ignorant whites. We have heard of an instance of a farmer being swindled out of over fifty dollars in less than two hours. These gamblers have in their hands four or five of our fancy coin dead beats, who prey the victims into these dens. Would it not be well for our authorities to take in the Messrs. Gamblers and their paraphernalia, not forgetting to bring in their mulatto cappers?

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will receive the public at a birthday party at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Hayes on Friday, December 18, from 7 to 12 p. m. The proceeds will be used for refurnishing their parsonage. Cards will be sent out to which will be attached a small bag. In this, all who attend are requested to place as many cents as there are years in their age. Only those having cards will be admitted. Present your cards at the door. If you do not receive one, ask for it there. No admission fee. Cake and gumbo free.

The good sisters and pupils of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception of our town will give an interesting entertainment at Sandoz Opera House on Thursday, December 17, 1896. The object is a most laudable one, and it is hoped that our people may be induced to give them the encouragement that they deserve. There will be a tombola, refreshments, theatricals, etc., to interest and entertain all. As the price of admission is only twenty-five cents, the good sisters expect to have a full attendance of their friends and the general public on the 17th.

Our fellow-townsmen L. A. Sandoz has been appointed a member of the Board of School Directors for this parish, vice Dr. V. K. Iron, who has been removed from the parish. The appointment was made by the State Board of Education and he has been commissioned by the Governor. The appointment of Mr. Sandoz is a good one. Besides his standing in New Orleans and his long residence in the parish, he has always taken a deep interest in the educational affairs of the parish and will no doubt make an efficient member of our Parish Board.

On last Tuesday night, a little after nine o'clock, the fire bells sounded an alarm, and it was discovered that a small cottage, situated in the rear of Mr. C. Hébert's residence, was on fire. Assistance was promptly given, and, as usual, as the building was consumed in a short time. The cottage was occupied by Louis Haywood, colored.

A constitutional convention is an expensive luxury, but it is necessary to regulate the suffrage for all times to come. We cannot afford to temporize with this question; it must be settled as Mississippi settled it. If we fail to enact remedial legislation along this line we will surely regret our inaction. We can't afford a repetition of last April's election.—West Baton Rouge Planter.

And now information comes from Washington that Mr. Cleveland has caused the discharge of a number of postmasters for "pernicious activity" in supporting Mr. Bryan. Wonder why the old Street Prophet don't "fire" some of the postmasters who were so "perniciously active" in supporting Palmer, McKinley's decoy duck.—West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

General prosperity is what the people want—work for every willing hand, bread for the hungry, and money to pay taxes with. This is of more importance than the political squabbles of any man or party.—West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

Killing of Dr. Savant.

Grand Chénier, Cameron parish, was the scene of a fatal conflict last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, between Dr. D. A. Savant and Eusebe Thériot, both well known and prominent citizens of that parish, which resulted in the death of the former. The two men had not been on friendly terms for a year or more; and, from reports, the doctor had been the aggressor, cursing and abusing Thériot on all occasions, and with-out known provocation, and when under the influence of liquor, a condition not infrequent, his manner towards Thériot or others against whom he had a real or imaginary quarrel was threatening and unbearable. On the day of the fatal conflict Thériot had a pistol in his pocket, and he threatened to shoot Thériot in the face and threatened to shoot Thériot if he retreated towards home with Savant following, and telling him to get his gun. When Thériot reached for his gun, he was met by a shot which struck him in the chest, and he fell to the ground, where he died in a few minutes. The gun used was a Winchester shot-gun, loaded with goose shot, which took effect in the face and breast of deceased. After the shooting Thériot gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff S. K. Streetman, and was taken to Leesburg, where he awaits the fixing of the bond. Dr. Savant and Mr. Thériot had married sisters, the daughters of Captain E. Sturles. The affair is very much regretted, and that some one would kill Dr. Savant has long been predicted. The body of Dr. Savant was brought up to Mermentau on a schooner and forwarded to Acyvelles parish, the former home of the deceased.—Abbeville Meridianian.

Port Barré.

December 7, 1896.
Mr. Nathan Roos, of the firm of D. Roos & Sons, was a pleasant visitor in Port Barré yesterday.

Dr. J. L. Corbett and his bride are installed in their new home since last Wednesday.

Miss Florence Truman is spending some time here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Corbett.

Miss Lou Madid spent Saturday and Sunday in Opelousas.

Mr. Ben McLaneau was in Opelousas yesterday.

Reverend Father Maillet will leave tomorrow to be absent a few days on business.

Misses Louise and Sarah Reynolds will leave Saturday for a visit in St. Charles parish. We wish them bon voyage.

Mrs. A. Déjean, accompanied by her little son, Gabi, were to Opelousas Saturday, the guest of her brother, Mr. C. Hébert.

Mr. George Cailloet was in Opelousas last Thursday on a business trip.

Mr. E. A. Déjean, of Léonville, was in Port Barré yesterday, visiting his best girl.

Mr. J. R. McLaneau had a business trip to Washington last Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Duburhain was in Opelousas last Wednesday.

Chief, how did the late cold snap serve you? The election was a great disappointment.

Do not be so disingenuous in the future, as hearing from you is always a pleasure to Cal.

Miss Rosa Lamoignon, of Waxia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Cailloet.

Mrs. Numa Robin, of Léonville, is in Port Barré to-day collecting for a bazaar to be given on the 20th of this month for the benefit of the convent. All are cordially invited to attend.

For the Holiday Excursions.

To the Southeast the Southern Pacific, Atlantic system, on December 21 and 22, 1896, will sell round trip tickets to all points in the Southeast, good for return within thirty days from date of sale, at the rate of one and one-third fare. For the holiday excursion tickets will be on sale December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, from all points to all points in Louisiana, good for return up to and including January 3, 1897, at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

Judge Dupre has fixed the following terms of the District Court for 1897:

FOR ACADIA:
A civil term beginning January 4.
A civil term beginning March 8.
A criminal term beginning June 7.
A civil term beginning November 2.

FOR ST. LANDRY:
A criminal term beginning February 1.
A civil term beginning April 5.
A criminal term beginning Sept. 6.
A civil term beginning December 5.

Another Feat.

In railroad gymnastics is the opening of the through Buffet Drawing-room Sleeping Car Line between Galveston and Washington, D. C., via the Southern Pacific—Sunset Route. This sleeper leaves Galveston daily at 5 p. m., and goes through without change to Washington, D. C., via Piedmont Air Line. Passengers for Southern and intermediate points may secure through reservations with practically no change of cars. This is the pioneer and only through sleeper service between Texas and extreme Eastern points. A telegram sent to the agents of Southern Pacific Company at either Houston or Galveston will secure reservation of space.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," that is what our handsome and debonaire Secretary of State told the people of Thibodaux concerning the election of their mayor and trustees, and the good people followed his advice. They have tried again and they do hope they have succeeded this time. It's fun holding an election, but some soun has long ago remarked that "there is such a thing as sometimes having too much of a good thing," and the truth of this dictum is beginning to dawn in the force on our people.—Thibodaux Sentinel.

A sale of unclaimed express packages at Houma a few days ago came near resulting in the mobbing of the auctioneer and agent. The gullible citizens, who purchased over 300 packages, concluded they had been badly victimized and went in search of those who conducted the sale. To avoid trouble, the purchase price was refunded.

U. C. VETERANS.
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, 15 E. Lee Camp No. 14.
Opelousas, La., Dec. 10, 1896.

A meeting of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V. will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Opera House, Opelousas, La., for the transaction of important business.

By order of:
Official: L. D. PRESSCOTT, Commander.
BEN BLOOMFIELD, Adjutant.
LEONCE SANDOZ, Secretary.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, December 7, 1896.
The reign of Mark Hanna has quieted in Washington. He is attracting more attention from Republican Senators and Representatives than the opening of Congress and the President's message combined, and he seems to be greatly enjoying it. He is anxious to have to distribute at this session, while Hanna has them by the barrel. The Republicans who have been re-elected to Congress want to work Hanna for their friends, and those who will cease to draw Congressional salaries on the 31st of March are anxious to make connection with other public salaries at the earliest possible moment thereafter, and they recognize the necessity of getting on good terms with Hanna in order to do so. Hanna has no particular respect or reverence for anything except money. He went through the pretense of listening to protests by the local Republicans against the selection of a gold Democrat for chairman of the immigration committee, but he never had any idea of going back on the promise he had made to the clique of millionaire real estate speculators to select the man they had named for the place, both as a reward for his campaign contribution and as a means of getting a man under their control in a way to get into the good graces of McKinley and into the expenditure of the District of Columbia to be made in the next session. If I wanted anything from Hanna, I would hunt up the millionaire who had contributed to his committee, for a baker, instead of bothering with political influence. Mark regards politics as a question of money, and not of principles, and I make the prediction right now that the millionaires of the country will be far more influential with the McKinley administration than the politicians.

How to do nothing while pretending to be trying to do something, will be the motto of the Republican leaders during the present session of Congress. It has been fully decided at Canton that an extra session of Congress shall be demanded by a tariff bill, and that nothing must be done at this session to give the Republican opponents of an extra session, of whom there are many, an excuse for saying there is no necessity for one. Under the circumstances, this will not be a difficult task. The regular appropriation bills can easily be manipulated so as to take up all the time of the short session.

President Cleveland's seven-eighths message to Congress was from a highly patriotic view, a well-written document. The "Commencement" of them, "Speeches" have disappointed endorsement of the Cabinet, and doubtless of many of Mr. Cleveland's advisers, is a very marked feature. The regular appropriation bills can easily be manipulated so as to take up all the time of the short session.

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Laundry Street, Near the Post Office,
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