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OPELOUSAS:
SATURDAY. : : : : March 20, 1897.

NOTICE.

Having severed my connection with the firm of D. Roos & Sons, I have assumed the duties of President of the **Opelousas Mercantile Co.,** (Limited,) at whose office from now on my headqnarters will be.

Respectfully,

ISAAC ROOS.

See Skiles for Brick, Lime and Sand.

Safety deposit boxes for rent at the St. Landry State Bank.

Fresh eggs, chickens and all country produce at Fred. L. Sandoz's.

The combined deposits of Donaldsonville's two bankes exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

The book agent has made his appearance in town, to the annoyance of the average citizen.

The senate as it now stands has 42 republicans, 33 democrats and 12 populists; with 3 vacancies.

WANTED—To trade a large draft horse for a buggy horse. Apply to FRED L. SANDOZ

Fitzsimmons knocked Corbett out in fourteen rounds and now "this cruel war is over."

Get your supply of coal from J. B. Sandoz. Best assortment and lowest prices. nov21

R. E. Lee Camp No 14, U. C. V. meets to-day at 12 o'clock sharp at Sandoz Opera House for the transaction of important business.

A full line of house and carriage paints, brushes, varnishes, oils, turpentine, window glass, etc., at J. B. Sandoz's.

As we go to press we learn that Mann Carrieré, of Washington, was shot by parties unknown, receiving a load of buckshot in the back.

The Reading Room meeting which was to have taken place last Thursday night, has been postponed to next Thursday night the 25th.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. — Services every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; every fourth Sunday at 7:45 p. m. Prayer meetings every Thursday night at 7:45.

Owners of blooded stock are respectfully reminded that we have special facilities for poster printing, with a fine assortment of cuts—stallion, buck and bull to select from. Give us a trial.

Now that the Fitzsimmons-Corbett nuisance is settled, our great metropolitan journals will have to fall back on the Cuban insurrection and Greece-Turkey war as a sensation.

Mr. J. L. Haase, of New Iberia, who is aspiring to the bar, appeared before the Opelousas committee last Saturday, passed a sucessful examination and received the proper certificate.

NOTICE.—There will be services at the Church of the Epiphany, Opelousas, on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4 o'clock p. m. instead of the 2nd as heretofore. Rev. W. S. Slack, Pastor.

Judging by the news from the Western rivers and tributaries, the lower Mississippi river will soon be at flood and our levees put to a severe test. We hope that we will escape an overflow.

Spring and summer goods are being received every day at Fred L. Sandoz. Ladies, gents, misses and children, call around and ask the clerks to show them to you. Different styles and different colors. You are bound to find some thing to suit you.

The Mississippi river has overflowed its banks in Arkansas causing immense damage, and the other States on the river are in danger from high water. It is expected that the levees in Louisiana are in better condition than they have been before which gives us hopes that we may escape the threatened disaster this year.

The Baton Rouge Truth says that twenty thousand dollars will not cover the sum brought from Baton Rouge to be spent in New Orleans frolicking. And what did they get for it? Why, tired limbs and sore feet for the female portion of the party and soiled coats and severe headaches for the males. Surely we think for a little fun.

We have received from our sterling friend, Paul Braud, Esq., assistant cashier of the bank of Donaldsonville, a report of that institution on the 1st inst., showing the bank to be in a flourishing condition. We see that the individual deposits alone amount to $[illegible]; capital $25,000; surplus $20,000.

Guide to New Orleans, issued by the Picayune, is a most useful and interesting little work containing much valuable information concerning the Crescent City, with illustrations of all the points of interest, maps, etc., and will be sent to any address on receipt of 14 cents. This work is almost indispensable to the visitor in New Orleans and is worth many times the price asked. We return thanks to the courteous author for a copy.

May Day Tournament.

We understand that on May Day, which is also Labor Day throughout the country and a dies non in many of the states, will be celebrated in Opelousas on the race grounds by a grand tournament.

It is nearly twenty years since a first-class tournament was held in Opelousas, or, for that matter, any kind of a tournament, and the younger generation have but a faint idea of what it is.

About thirty knights have already signified their desire to take part, and the list is now open to all who wish to participate, and the entry fee will be small. To encourage a large attendance several handsome prizes will be awarded. After the tourney the yeomanry will indulge in field sports, rifle practice, foot races, throwing the discus, sack races, climbing the greased pole, catching the greased pig, and an old-fashioned gander pulling, something never seen in this parish. Of course, a dead gander will be used, otherwise it would be barbarous.

Efforts are being made to secure excursion rates from all points between Alexandria and New Orleans for the occasion.

The crowning of the Queen of Love and Beauty and the selection of the Maids of Honor will take place at night. After the coronation a royal quadrille for the knights and ladies will take place, then a lantern bicycle tournament to be followed by a pyrotechnic display, the whole to conclude with a grand ball.

The proceeds of the tournament will be devoted to the drouth sufferers and other charitable purposes, and a large crowd will doubtless attend.

Applications for entry into either the horse or bicycle tournament will be received at the COURIER office. The following gentlemen have already consented to run: J. J. Thompson, R. Lee Garland, Chas. F. Garland, J. J. Lewis, Ollie Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Preston King, John Lewis, Mason McBride, Ray Mornhinveg, George Decloust, Lucius G. Dupré, A. J. Dupuy, Jos. Aguillard, Percy Ogden, A. A. Comeau, H. G. Williams and Warren Gardinier. The following named persons will also participate in the ceremonies: Dr. James O. Ray, Daniel Durio, Sidney Hebrard and Raymond Breaux.

Judging from the success of the tournament a la Ashby at Broussard last year, there is no reason why one here should not draw a large crowd, particularly as a special program will be written for the occasion, the scene being laid before the walls of Grenada in the 15th century, the tourney being between the rival knights of Ferdinand and Isabella and Boabdil, the Moorish king of Spain. The blending of the gorgeous costumes of the Spanish knights and the fantastic costumes of the swarthy Moors will make a color effect of rare magnificence.

A Case of Cruelty.

On the 15th inst. Judge Arthur Simon, J. P. of the Opelousas ward, had Laura Thomas and Kittie Bowman, negresses, arrested and brought before him on a charge of having "illegally and cruelly whipped and scourged, maimed and cruelly beat and otherwise injured Willie Gerard, a minor child, six years old," contrary to the form of the statute, etc. The facts were carefully inquired into by squire Simon, who is always painstaking and careful in his examinations, and after hearing several witnesses, discharged Laura Thomas, there being no evidence against her. But Kittie Bowman was placed under bond to appear before the next criminal term of our district court. It appeard that the lad said to have been cruelly abused, had been left with Kittie Bowman by his mother, one of the women of easy virtue ordered to leave West End, near here, some weeks ago. Kitty claimed that he was a bad boy, and said she had been compelled on a certain day immediately preceding the preliminary examination, to flog him four times. There were marks on the little fellow showing that violence had been practiced on him, but he had not been maimed or othewise injured. He is a pert lad and, considering the life of his mother, it is not astonishing he has been rude and unruly. The unnatural mother showed very little of the tenderness almost universally felt for a small child, in leaving him in the keeping of a negro woman with whom she had but a very limited acquaintance.

Bayou Teche Improvement.

The movement started by Congressman Broussard to revive the project of locking the Teche and provide slack water navigation of the upper portion of this stream, is gaining steady impetus. The first requisite is the preparation of statistics and data establishing the importance of the project and the necessity of carrying it out to meet the demands of commerce.

The Police Jury of St. Martin has appropriated $250 and that of Iberia $100, and both have appointed Capt. E. T. King to compile the available data. With a business-like and intelligent presentation of the subject to Congress, backed up by a favorable report from Major Quinn, it seems impossible that Congressman Broussard should fail to carry to successful termination this undertaking.—New Iberia Enterprise.

We take pleasure in directing the attention of the readers of THE COURIER to the advertisement of Mr. Bonnet in another column. Mr. B. is a native of Opelousas and, being possessed of a remarkable talent for drawing, has cultivated that gift by many years of study and practice so that he has reached a point of perfection seldom attained by a country artist. Besides crayon and pastel work, in which he excells, he is an accomplished photographer, and his gallery is thoroughly equipped with all the latest improvements in that beautiful art. Don't have your picture taken until you have seen specimens of his work and learned his prices. All are invited to visit his gallery on Main St., opposite the residence of Mr. Theo. Chachere.

The doctor and the judge were having a discussion near the post office a few days since, and the doctor, in explaining why he was a true democrat, quoted some of the tenets as laid down by Jefferson. The judge became wrothy and defied the doctor to produce his proof, saying, "I have all of Jefferson's works and have never read any such stuff in them," whereupon the doctor exclaimed "It is some of the unwritten Jeffersonian tradition," and walked away leaving the judge looking amazed.

Pure white lead, ready mixed paints, in all shades and colors, and a full assortment of painters' supplies at J. B. Sandoz, cheap. 6.

The Carnival.

The carnival season this year has been characterized by unusual brilliancy, several new organizations having made their début in New Orleans, beside which many of the country towns got up carnival parades, that of New Iberia being quite pretentious. In this connection we cannot refrain from expressing the hope that next Mardi-Gras will see an awakening of the original "Sleepy Hollow," if not in the matter of electric lights and water works at least in the matter of better streets and carnival parade. Now, some people are opposed to a parade in toto; their puritanical ideas look upon it as so much unwholesome diet, dished up in a "sinful revel," "an abomination in the sight of the Lord." We take no stock in the lugubrious moanings of Brother Praise God Barebones. It is axiomatic that the minds of all, particularly the young, need recreation. Now a parade, while appealing to the sense of beauty, and to the artistic sense generally; to the sense of humor (and, in all conscience, it is truly no harm to laugh and grow fat, even if you do beat the doctors out of a fee). Likewise, it is an object lesson that is read by thousands and never forgotten. Thousands are set to thinking and wondering and reading; thousands have since read and studied and enjoyed the Iliad, the Odyssy, the Æneid, Lalla Rook, the History of the Crusades, and other topics selected at different times by the carnival organizations, who never would have dreamed of reading them had they not been seduced by the gorgeous tableaux in which the beauties of these classics were elaborated. Beside all this it affords the poor people, who God knows have little enough sunshine in their lives, a free show—one day of forgetfulness, and who could have the heart to grudge it them?

A well-to-do citizen was heard to say: "If they would only contribute to the drouth sufferers the money that was squandered to make a Mardi-Gras holiday, what a good thing it would be!"

"Sure," remarked a bystander. And the following dialogue ensued:

Q. "But, say; do you smoke or chew?"
A. "Both!"
Q. "Do you go to camp-meeting every year?"
A. "Of course."
Q. "Do you go to the city often?"
A. "Twice a year."
Q. "Business or pleasure?"
A. "Both."
Q. "How do you live at home?"
A. (Smacking his lips.) "On the best the market affords!"
Q. "You do, eh? Say, pard; I'm Sindi James, from Prairie Mamou, and, of course, it aint my business, but I'd advise you to quit smoking and chewing, do your praying at home, eat simple grub, and contribute what you save to the poor drouth sufferers."

However, we're flying the track. What we started out to say was, that as a business investment it pays a town the size of Opelousas to get up a handsome carnival. New Iberia, the most progressive town in southwest Louisiana, finds it profitable and hundreds stay at home who otherwise would go to New Orleans, and every one who goes takes advantage of the trip to do some "shopping." Besides, it drags hundreds to town, and each one leaves coin in quota.

A thousand dollar pay roll pay at least 25 per cent on the investment, plus the principal. New Iberia had ten thousand people on her streets. It would be a ridiculously low estimate to say they left one dollar each. There is $10,000. The floats hardly exceeded $2,000 in cost; they being home made the money remained in the town and, taking everything into consideration, there is no doubt but New Iberia saved $10,000 by the operation and increased the reputation of the town.

What is absolutely killing Opelousas is the "Dry Rot." Why, even a prize fight, bad as they generally are, would be better than nothing, for it would show the outer world that "though dying, we are not dead," and "while there is life there is hope."

"Mary had a little calf," quoth little brother Sam,
"And bloomers she won't wear until—she fills that calf with bran."

A bill concerning the delivery of letters in towns and villages and other places where no free delivery exists, which passed the house, has been favorably reported to the senate. The bill provided that whenever not less than twenty persons who receive their mail through the same office shall petition to have their mail delivered and collected it shall then be the duty of the postmaster to appoint such persons as are willing to undertake the delivery and collection of mail in towns or places where no free delivery exists. The bill further provides that the letter carriers so appointed shall be over sixteen years old, and that said letter carriers may make an agreement with the persons to whom such mail is delivered or collected for such compensation as may be agreed upon, and when no compensation is agreed upon, such letter carriers may receive one cent for the delivery of each piece of mail matter, and they may demand and receive at least one cent for each package and letter they may collect and convey to the postoffices. Such compensation shall be in full for all services, and none of such carriers shall have any claim upon the postoffice department for compensation for services thus rendered. No letter or other mail matter shall be delivered by the postmaster to such carrier without a written request has been lodged at the postoffice for the delivery of mail to such letter carrier. The letter carrier so appointed shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duty.

The bridge to span the Mississippi river at New Orleans will be commenced during the present year. Mr. E. L. Corthell, the engineer, says that "it will be a double track bridge, and, according to his present plan, will have a center span of 1,032 feet and side spans of 605 feet each. This structure will weigh about 23,000,000 pounds. It will consist of cantilever arms reaching out into the central span, which will be connected by a suspended section. Almost the entire weight of this enormous structure will rest upon two great piers, one on each side of the central span, sunk 175 feet below low water. The structure itself will be 85 feet above extreme high water, and the rails of the bridge will be 109 feet above high water and 100 feet above the land behind the levees.

If you contemplate buying a bycicle, it would be well to investigate the merits of the Lungren, of Cincinnati, advertised in another column.

See Skiles for cheap fencing, four cars just received.

Very Liberal.

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Opelousas a bill from the People's Tribune was presented, and appears to have gone through without a dissenting voice. The bill reads as follows:

1896, Dec. 15, To 100 posters, firecracker,	$ 1 25
" " 19, Publishing petition to police jury and police jury ordinance	7 50
1897, Jan. 1, Publishing charter	52 50
" Feb. 1, Publishing proceedings, etc, five months to date	20 00
Total	$ 81 25

In view of the fact that when the bids were advertised for by the Board for doing the town printing—as the law requires that such work should be given to the lowest responsible bidder after ten days notice—the printing was given to the Tribune as the lowest bidder although THE COURIER'S bid specified "that we would publish the minutes, notices and ordinances at 90 per cent discount from the rates fixed by law for legal advertisements; in other words, do *all the town printing* (job printing excepted) at ten cents per legal square of 100 words each insertion." The Tribune's bid was "50 cents a square of 100 words for the first insertion and 25 cents per square for each subsequent insertion." In the face of this vast difference between the two bids, the Tribune was awarded the contract and a palpable injustice done both THE COURIER and the tax-payers of the town of Opelousas.

What motives actuated our astute Board of Aldermen in the matter we leave the public to judge—and the members of the Board to explain. We concluded that as the matter is one directly affecting the interests of the town, that those entrusted with the responsibility of conducting its affairs would see that the tax-payers would not be made to suffer through the injustice done us, hence we made no kick, preferring to await developments—and the bill above quoted is development No. 1.

In the first place, we cannot understand how an intelligent body of men representing public interests should take any action whatever on such a bill, which is just about as definite as "the size of a lump of chalk." There is but one item on this bill which explains itself—the $1.25 item; and there is but one other item which is possibly correct (the $20 item) but this is left in doubt from the fact that neither the number of squares nor the number of insertions are given, and the dates are omitted. As the publication of the ordinances, ($7.50), and the charter ($52 50), are included in the contract for the town printing, we fail to see by what right an extra charge should be made for this work. The Tribune offered to publish the "minutes and ordinances of the Board for the ensuing year" for the sum of $80, and here is a bill which covers only five months amounting to $81.25, which, as far as we can learn, not a single member of the Board raised an objection to. In justice to Mayor Thompson, we will say that he was not present when this bill was presented and acted upon, and does not approve of the action taken on the same, and has announced his intention to refuse to sign the warrand for the amount; as a public officer, sworn to do his duty as such, he could not conscientiously do otherwise.

It might be in order now for those public servants who are disposed to be so liberal with other people's money to rise and explain. The tax-payers of this town who are "footing the bills," would, no doubt, be glad to know if they are going to be called upon to pay tribute to any more of the Board's "liberality" of this character. Our town finances are certainly not in such a flourishing condition as to warrant such gratuities.

Stick to your home paper if you want to reach the largest benefits. It is the home paper that looks after your personal welfare and the general good of the community. Outside papers may boast of superior facilities for news gathering, but it is the home paper that keeps up the interest of home affairs. It is the home paper that publishes all the nice little notices about you and your family and your friends, and that most interests them when away. You may be able to get the outside papers cheaper, but its the home papers that spends its earnings among you—when it has any—and comes in as a neighbor to sit at your firesides.—Texarkana Call.

A correspondent of the New York World gives a novel criticism of the Bradley-Martin function. "The worst thing about the famous costume ball," he says, "was the title-worshipping, royalty-aping color of the whole affair. For the descendants of our mushroom aristocracy sprung from the peddlers, ferry men, coopers, ship-chandlers, tailors, tanners and traders of two or three generations ago to get themselves up in the toggery of the royal rakes, pandered princes, dissolute dukes and mincing mistresses of an era of gilded vice, and to bedeck themselves with jewels worth a pork-packer's ransom, was not only abhorrent, but abominable."

We are in receipt of a copy of the St. Landry Trade Review, a twenty page six column journal devoted to the interests of the parish of St. Landry, Louisiana. Profusely illustrated with one hundred and fifty half-tone engravings, it is a biographical and historical edition, an immigration invitation that is seldom surpassed. The mechanical work and make up are faultless, and a credit to Leonce Sandoz and the Opelousas Courier office facilities where the printing and binding were done. The St. Landry beauties shown in the frontispiece are fine types of the world's fair.—Rocky Mountain Editor, Denver, Colorado.

Despite the strong opposition of the bar of Shreveport and New Orleans and of the press of the state, Gov. Foster has appointed Senator Blanchard as Judge McEnery's successor on the supreme bench of Louisiana. Thus has another defeated poltician been dumped on the highest judicial tribunal of the state. If this thing is kept up, the supreme court will soon be looked upon as a pension asylum for old worn out political leaders. Who'll be the next? We nominate Foster himself, if he doesn't strike a trade and get Caffrey's job.—Farmerville Gazette.

We are glad to note that the Legislature has made Confederate decoration day, April 6, a legal holiday. This is proper. Coming generations should be taught to honor the memory of these fallen heroes and the custom of decorating their graves annually is a fit way of accomplishing this end.

We will give one year's subscription to the Confederate Veteran and the OPELOUSAS COURIER for $2.50 a year in advance.

BONNET'S ART STUDIO,
Opelousas, La.
Main Street, South of J. Meyers & Co.'s Carriage Repository.
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PHOTOGRAPHS, CRAYONS. PASTELS,
—UP TO DATE—
Made in the highest style of the Art and at the very lowest prices, and satisfaction Guaranteed. Call and see samples of my work and learn prices. As a native of Opelousas, with an experiance of over twenty years in the business and the advantage of a course in some of the finest studios in the United States, I am in a position to guarantee satisfaction in any department of my buisiness.
[March 30-3m] W. A. BONNET.

Bayou Chicot.

The thermometer dropped 30 degrees Sunday night.

Capt. Sam Haas returned from New Orleans last Sunday evening.

Dr. Eddy Thompson, of Ville Plate attended church here last Sunday.

John D. Grimble, of Dossman, lost a valuable mule and horse Thursday by drowning in Bayou Bœuf. They were hitched to a post at Eola and becoming scared ran away with the wagon, and before assistance got to them they were drowned.

Hon. Pat Donahy says he is opposed to the governor calling an extra session of the legislature to repeal the act calling an election before the people for a constitutional convention. Pat's head is level.

We are sorry to learn that Judge E. P. Carson is still confined to his room.

Walter Godwin, of Beaver, was here Monday.

Dr. W. A. Quirk and little Cuta, formerly of Mamou but now residing in Evergreen, were visiting here on Saturday.

Constable W, P. Wolff is laid up for repairs, having taken a chill on Sunday.

Cal, I sincerely hope the high water will not reach you.

More anon. CHICOT.

There is a large number of Dunkards, a peculiar religious set of people, settling in Calcasieu parish. It seems that in the west they are quite numerous, living in communities of their own, and religiously keep aloof from other denominations. Whenever they emigrate they leave in colonies and settle in their new homes in the same way. An agent of the Watkins Gulf railroad attended a convention of the Dunkards in Illinois last summer, and acquainted them with the advantages and inducements held out to immigrants in Calcasieu parish. The agent brought back twenty-five representatives of them, who personally inspected the lands; were pleased, and now they are beginning to form colonies which promise to aggregate a large population in that parish within a few years. All of them have some money; are a quiet, industrious, law-abiding people, and are a very desirable class of immigrants. They have their own churches and school houses, but otherwise they are social, kind-hearted people.—Crowley Signal.

The Baton Rouge Capital Item very appropriately says: The newspaper gush over the Bradlay-Martin dance was disgusting. When there is so much poverty and distress in the land and thousands are starving for bread because they cannot get employment or get wages that do not supply the necessities to say nothing of the comforts of life, such extravagant displays remind people who have a charitable thought for the poor, more like Nero fiddling while Rome was burning than anything else such aping of the extravagance of so-called nobility can be compared to.

The present election law is a good thing, but it is not sufficient in itself to accomplish the purpose intended. Let no man be deceived on that score. And just here we predict that if the present election law be not strengthened, by constitutional provision or otherwise, every illiterate suffragan in Louisiana will be able to vote at the next State election in 1900—not that he will have learned to read and write, but because he will have been taught, monkey-like, to so mark his ballot as to be able to vote correctly.—Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

The publishers of the Avoca (Iowa) Herald recently sued a delinquent subscriber and recovered judgment for seven years subscription, with cost, amounting to $24. The paper had been ordered stopped and had been returned from the post office as refused, but the subscriber had not paid up arrearages and his name was continued on the books and the paper regulary sent to his address. The court's decision was that a subscriber could be held for subscription until all arrearages were paid.

The ladies of Shreveport, who have observed to the very letter, the law regulating the removal of their hats in a theater, now demand that the men shall also be prohibited from a nuisance—that of leaving their seats as soon as the curtain goes down and rushing out to "see a friend" or smoke a cigarette. The ladies claim that this is a nuisance equally as great as was the high hats, and we are inclined to think that they are right.—Donaldsonville Times.

The populite party has split into two factions—one the Butler faction and the other the Watson faction. It is really "amoosin" to read the hot "roasts" which each prepares for the other. Like the green-back party the populite conglomeration has about come to the end of its short and inglorious career. Before another national election its leaders will be on another political craft sailing in entirely different waters—or liquors.—The Clarion-Appeal.

Rheumatism Quickly Cured.

After having been confined to the house for eleven days and paying out $25 in doctor bills without benefit, Mr. Frank Dolson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was cured by one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm costing 25 cents and has not since been troubled with that complaint. For sale by J. H. Huston and J. Lasalle Druggists.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

From Opelousas, in February last, a Sorrel Mare, about 14 1-2 hands high, about 9 years old, white spot in forehead and on one hind foot, gentle to harness and saddle. Counter-branded on left shoulder about C 6 and branded on left hip about thus ϽG. A suitable reward will be paid for her return to the undersigned at Opelousas, or for any information that will lead to her recovery. MOSE GREENE.
Opelousas, March 20.

Personal.

Mrs. M. Casse is visiting friends in New Orleans.

Thos. H. Lewis, Esq., visited New Orleans last week.

Judge T. B. Brooks left for New Orleans on Monday.

Dr. R. M. Littell, of New Orleans, was in our midst last week.

Hon. Albert Guidry, of Carencro, was a visitor to town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boagni returned home last Sunday from their wedding tour.

John T. Nixon, Esq., editor of the Washington Post, was in Opelousas last Saturday.

Miss Alice Hinkley, a charming Washington lady, was visiting Opelousas friends last week.

T. Hardeman Lewis, after a short visit with relatives and friends in New Iberia, returned to Opelousas on last Wednesday.

Ed. J. Conway, Esq., the jovial and popular Ville Plate merchant and planter and all around hustler, was a welcome caller at our office this week.

NOTICE!

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 15, 1897.

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 May 10, 1897, viz.:

JAMES W. BUSSELL,

who made Homestead Entry No. 13666 for the northeast one quarter of section four, township three, south, range one, west.

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

Madison McGehee, Chas. W. Prichett, Frank McNicholls, Willie Nixon, all of St. Landry parish.

G. McD. BRUMBY, Register.
March 20, 1897.

PUBLIC SALE.

ESTATE OF CHARLES N. EALER, DEC'D.

On SATURDAY, March 20, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the old stand of Charles N. Ealer, corner Main and Landry streets, Opelousas, La., there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, through the ministry of a public auctioneer, a large lot of Gentlemen's and Ladies' Watches, Gold and Silver, Gold Rings, Chains, Spectacles, Eye Glasses, Clocks, and a great variety of Jewelry, both fine and common, and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS CASH.

E. B. EALER

NOTICE.

OFFICE ST. LANDRY HOMEST'D & LOAN ASS'N, Opelousas, March 6, 1897.

An election for eleven directors of the St. Landry Homestead & Loan Association will be held at the office of the Association on Monday, March 15, 1897. The election to be by ballot, and to commence at 7 o'clock p. m. and to close at 8:30 o'clock p. m. E. D. ESTILETTE, President.
March 8, 1897.

Town Lot for Sale.

A desirable building lot in Opelousas, on North street, east of Bayou Tessou, adjoining the residence of P. J. Lefebvre, Esq. For particulars apply to P. J. LEFEBVRE,
Feb. 13 tf Opelousas, La.

WANTED.—SEVERAL FAITHFUL MEN or women to travel for responsible, established house in Louisiana. Salary $780, payable $15 weekly and expenses. Position permanent. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. National Star Building, Chicago.

THE THOROUGHBRED RACE STALLION

BLAKEMORE,

will make the season at Opelousas Race Track. Blakemore is a beautiful dark bay, fifteen and three-fourths hands high. He was sired by Silent Friend, Jr., dam, Miss Pilgrim. He comes of a family of race horses on both sides. He raced last season at Opelousas, Alexandria and Vicksburg, and was never outside the money. Was first in four out of five races at Vicksburg. Took premium for best bred and handsomest race horse on the track at Alexandria and Vicksburg. In 1894 at San Antonio, Texas, Blakemore ran a half mile within one-half second of the world's record, (See Spirit of the Times and Sportsman). Blakemore will make the season at the Opelousas Race Track, for the remarkably low fee of $15, with the usual return privileges.

For further particulars call on or address O. J. STOKES or MARK FIRNBERG at Opelousas, or J. A. HASS, Ville Plate.
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JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

LEVY LOEB & CO.,
vs.
ARMAS DURIO, ET AL.
No. 15952.

By virtue of an order of fieri facias issued out of the Honorable the Eleventh Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered case, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, in the said parish, at 11 o'clock a. m., on

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1897,

the following described property, to-wit:

The undivided half of the Brick Factory, Machinery, Buildings, etc., and Lease of Land on which they are situated; said lease covering about three (3) acres of ground near the southwest boundary of the corporation of the town of Opelousas, and the said Brick Yard known as the Durio-Bloch Brick Yard.

Seized in the above entitled suit.
Terms—Cash. H. H. DESHOTELS,
March 13, 1897. Sheriff.

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SUCCESSION SALE.

DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH CHACHERE, DECEASED.

No. 5438.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, in Bellevue, parish and State aforesaid, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly qualified auctioneer, on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1897,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract of land situated in Bellevue, St. Landry parish, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, being the south-east quarter of section ten (10), T 7 S R 3 east, with buildings and improvements.

A certain tract of land situated in Bellevue, St. Landry parish, containing eighty (80) acres, more or less, being the north half of the north-east quarter of section 15, T 7 S R 3 east, with buildings and improvements.

One small strip of land on the boundary line of Acadia and St. Landry parishes, boundaries unknown.

Nineteen cows; ten 2 year old calves; five oxen; eleven creole mares; one colt; seven mule colts; twelve gentle mules; two gentle horses; one jack; one jennie; a lot of household furniture; two old wagons.

Terms—Cash.

JAMES O. CHACHERE,
Feb. 20. Administrator.

PUBLIC SALE.

LIQUIDATION SUNSET MERCANTILE CO.

PROBATE DOCKET. DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable Eleventh Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, by a duly qualified auctioneer, at Sunset, St. Landry Parish, La., on

Thursday, March 25, 1897,

the following described property, belonging to the estate of The Sunset Mercantile Co., to-wit:

Lots numbered thirty six (36), thirty seven (37), thirty-eight (38), thirty-nine (39), and forty (40) in the town of Sunset, Parish of St. Landry La., as per plat thereof; bounded on the north by Napoleon Ave. on the south by property of Sibille Bro.'s, on the west by property of C. J. Richard, and on the east by a public road; with the improvements thereon.

Also, about twelve (12) arpents of wood land in said parish, on Bayou Bourbeux, bounded on the east by said bayou, on the south by ———, on the north and west by property of Dr. O. P. Daly.

Terms—Cash.

MENTOR ANDRUS,
LAZARE LEVY, } Liquidator,
Adm. of Estate of Alphonse Levy,
Feb. 20, 1897.

JUDGMENT.

MARY CARRON, wife,
vs.
JOSEPH A. BLOCH, husband.
No. 16011.

DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

After answer filed this case was submitted upon the evidence in the record. This evidence is sufficient to entitle plaintiff to the relief prayed for in her petition. By reason thereof and of the law which is in favor of said plaintiff and against defendant, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that said plaintiff do have and recover judgment in her favor, dissolving the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between her and her said husband, separating her in property from him and vesting her with exclusive control of her separate paraphernal property, and her earnings from her industry free from the control of her husband, and that he pay all costs of this suit to be taxed.

Thus done, read and signed in open Court at Opelousas, La., this 25th February, A. D. 1897.

GILBERT L. DUPRE,
Judge 11th Jud. Dist. La.

Filed Feb. 25, 1896.
H. E. ESTORGE, Dy. Clerk.
A true copy.
H. E. ESTORGE, D'y Clerk.
March 6, 1897.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The firm heretofore existing under the name and style of D. ROOS & SONS is hereby dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Isaac Roos retiring therefrom and Messrs. David Roos and Nathan Roos continuing, under the firm name and style of D. ROOS & SON. The new firm will assume all liabilities due by the old firm and will collect all outstanding debts due said old firm.

DAVID ROOS,
ISAAC ROOS.
March 6tf NATHAN ROOS.

TAKEN UP AS AN ESTRAY.

By the undersigned, near Sunset, a bay half-American horse, about 9 years old, no visible brand, both hind feet white, small white star in forehead and one eye; evidently gentle to harness and saddle; no marks of same; has been ranging in the neighborhood about a month and a half. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be disposed of according to law. ALLEN WALKER,
Feb. 28-1m. Sunset, La.

W. C. PERRAULT
(Late Judge 11th Judicial Dist.)
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Opelousas, La. [feb-6
Office over St. Landry State Bank.

NOTICE TO LICENSE PAYERS.

I have received from the Auditor the Licenses for 1897, and am now prepared to issue the same. The licenses levied by the State and Parish upon all business, professions or callings are now due and will become delinquent on and after the 1st day of March, 1897, and will bear two per cent. per month interest from that date, and will be turned over to an attorney for collection with costs at that time.

Every one is earnestly requested to come forward and settle promptly all State and Parish Licenses they may owe, and thereby avoid interest and costs, as the law must be enforced.

H. H. DESHOTELS,
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector.
Feb 2014

U. C. VETERANS.

HEADQ'RS. UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, Opelousas, La., Feb. 28, 1896.

A meeting of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U C V will be held Saturday, March 20, 1897, at the Opera House, Opelousas, at 12 m. for the transaction of important business.

By order of
LEONCE SANDOZ, Commander.
Official:
A. D. HARMANSON, Adjutant.
W. R. COCHRAN, Secretary.