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OPELOUSAS: SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 1902

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Newspaper Law.

- 1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions. 2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.

Pay your poll tax now!

Hats and Millinery Goods at cost at Mrs. Larcade's.

For Sale. A young creole horse, apply at this office.

Call and see old Santa Claus at Mrs. Larcade's.

Don't wait until the end of the year. Pay your poll tax now!

Money to loan on good security. P. MISTRIC, Leonville, La.

The largest stock of fireworks in town, at the Opera House Drug Store.

The Herald Shoe Co. has posters out announcing a special holiday sale of shoes.

Monroe is in the midst of a hot municipal campaign for the election of a mayor and aldermen.

The Opera House Drug Store has an elegant display of Holiday Goods—and more coming.

Call at F. J. Dietlein's, the Jeweler, and see the nicest line of Cut Glass ever brought to the city.

You may have to walk a little further to get a pair of Hamilton-Brown shoes, but they will last you longer. F. L. Sandoz.

Call on Mrs. Larcade. She will assist you in selecting what you want in the line of Christmas novelties, and give you the best of bargains.

Next Saturday, Dec. 27th, is the regular monthly meeting of Gordon Chapter No. 124, U. D. C., and the hour is 4 o'clock p. m., at Sandoz Opera House.

Next Thursday is Christmas and the Courier extends the compliments of the season to all its patrons and the balance of mankind—a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Felix Williams will keep always supplied with fresh fish and oysters. Oysters cooked in every style or on the half-shell. Saloon on Main street, opposite Mr. D. Roos' residence.

Just so sure as election day rolls around, you'll want to go to the polls and vote, but you'll be turned down as sure as fate unless your poll tax is paid before Jan. 1, 1903.

Call at F. J. Dietlein's, the Jeweler, on Landry street, and examine his extensive stock. The prices will suit all. It does not cost anything to look, and it is no trouble to show goods.

The Sunbeam Society of Opelousas will give their first entertainment at Sandoz Opera House to-night, when a most interesting program will be rendered. The admission is only 25 cents, and that amount could not be invested in a better cause than to assist this worthy organization and at the same time enjoy a pleasant evening's entertainment. Come everybody.

Probably the largest damage suit in recent years was filed in the District Court here yesterday, by Anna Brown, widow of Albert Harrison, against the St. Landry Cotton Oil Co. She claims \$25,000 damages for the death of her son, who was killed in the mill last February while repairing a broken belt. Attorneys W. C. Perrault and Peyton R. Sandoz represent the plaintiff in the suit.

Christmas for the Old Soldiers.

The date for serving the Christmas Feast to the inmates of the Soldiers' Home, Camp Nicholls, New Orleans, has been set for December 30, at 12 o'clock. Each Chapter of the U. D. C. is urged to contribute to the Feast according to its circumstances. Each member is requested to contribute one or more objects—a jar of preserves, a cake or any other object. The following is the list of articles to be contributed: Preserves, Sardines, Figs, Nuts, Pickles, Jellies, Ham, Dates, Sprung Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Cakes, Raisins, Jam, Pipes and Tobacco (smoking and chewing). There are about 900 members in the Louisiana Division, and one article from each would make a rich Christmas Feast for the old Veterans.

The chairman of the Louisiana Division has invited members of the New Orleans Chapter to represent absent Chapters in serving the Feast, and should any member of Gordon Chapter of Opelousas be in the city at the date mentioned, they are cordially invited to assist these ladies. The Gordon Chapter of our town will contribute to this good work, and each member is requested to send her contribution to Sandoz Opera House on Saturday morning, Dec. 27th, where the President of the Chapter and a committee of ladies will pack and ship the box to the Soldiers' Home. Any of our citizens who may desire to contribute something for the old soldiers' Christmas are respectfully invited to send same to Sandoz Opera House next Saturday morning, with the name of the contributor and list of articles, in order that they may be boxed and shipped not later than Saturday evening by the committee having the matter in charge.

The special edition of the Scientific American, devoted to Transportation on Land and Sea, cannot fail to attract widespread interest, both because of the very handsome manner in which it is gotten up and on account of the voluminous amount of information that it contains. It is safe to say that anyone who reads it carefully through will find himself thoroughly posted both as to the magnitude and high quality of our railroads and shipping. The Scientific American has its own characteristic way of presenting what some people might call dry statistical matter in an interesting form, and the present number is no exception to the rule. Both artist and editor have collaborated to certainly very good effect, and we believe the number will meet everywhere with a hearty reception.

Dr. A. J. Bercier, whose office for many years has been situated on the corner of Union and Landry streets, will shortly remove to the corner of Court and Vine streets, on the south corner of the block on which is situated the store of Robert Chachere, and opposite the law office of E. D. Estillette, Esq., where he is having built a new and commodious office, with all modern improvements, which he expects to occupy some time next month. The Doctor's many friends and patrons in this parish will place make a note of this.

The noted evangelist, George L. Hale, and his two gospel singers, Profs. Sparks and Bryson, are conducting services at the Baptist Church. The public is invited. Rev. J. B. Brock, of the Baptist Church, requests us to announce that this Saturday evening, at 3 o'clock, a special service for women only will be held, and to-morrow (Sunday), at the same hour, a special service for men only will be held. A special invitation is extended to these services.

A Christmas Tree, Dinner and Supper will be given by the ladies of the Methodist Church at Sandoz Opera House next Tuesday, Dec. 23, for the purpose of raising funds for painting and furnishing the church. Admission free. Meals 40c each. Gumbo, chocolate, and various refreshments will be served. The dinner and refreshments will be opened at 12 o'clock Tuesday. Come everybody and have a good time and assist a worthy cause.

Wireless telegraphy may be an experiment, but Hamilton-Brown shoes are not. They have stood the test for years. F. L. Sandoz.

A beautiful line of Prayer Beads in gold and silver; also a large line of Prayer Books at F. J. Dietlein's, the Jeweler.

Fireworks to burn, at the Opera House Drug Store.

Toy Pistols.

Beware of the toy pistol! Parents and others interested may take timely warning from the following item copied from a recent issue of the Donaldsonville Times: "Chief of Police Variani arrested and jailed Duke White, a negro boy, for shooting a little playfellow through the calf of the leg. The weapon used was a toy (?) pistol made for blank cartridges. Chief Variani requests us to caution parents against allowing their children to play with pistols of this kind, and says he will arrest every boy who is caught with one about his person."

Georgia Minstrels.

You cannot judge a book by its cover nor a minstrel show by its announcements. The title of the organization is significant. Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels is a trade-mark that insures nothing but the best. They will be seen at Sandoz Opera House on Friday night, Dec. 26th, in an entirely new program, with new outfit throughout and a company made up of the best negro talent in the wide, wide world. The parade will be given as usual at 3 o'clock p. m.

British and German war ships have been carrying on some high-handed measures in Venezuela for the past two weeks, and have recently been joined by the Italian cruisers. Venezuela's fleet has been captured and some of the vessels sunk, forts have been fired on, and things have been rapidly getting worse. At any moment some of the aggressive powers that have put on their war paint to bulldoze Venezuela may bump up against the Monroe Doctrine, and then some one will be called down a little bit. Uncle Sam is saying nothing, but he no doubt has an eye on the situation, and should it become necessary to act, is fully prepared to do so.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says: "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by all druggists and dealers in patent medicine.

Unless you pay your poll tax before the end of the year you will not be able to vote at the town election next year, the State and parish election in April 1904 or the national election in Nov. 1904, or at any special election that might take place within the next two years.

The Fair and Entertainments given for the benefit of the building fund of the new Catholic Church at Sandoz Opera House last Saturday and Sunday were well attended and proved a gratifying success, socially and financially, something over \$500 being realized above expenses.

Gen. George Moorman, Adj. Gen. of the United Confederate Veterans organization, and a brilliant soldier and citizen, died suddenly in New Orleans last Tuesday evening, aged about 61 years.

Avoyelles parish has gone dry at an election recently held on the question of prohibition. No doubt liquor dealers in adjacent parishes are prepared to do a thriving jug trade.

Opelousas has a good side show attraction in the shape of a champion lazy man. He can out-loaf any loafer that was ever born to breathe in this wide, wide world.

Oh yes you can, find just the shoe you want. Old gets wide shoes, old ladies' soft shoes. In fact, almost all styles of shoes, at F. L. Sandoz.

Venezuelans demanded arbitration and the giving of full power to the United States, Minister Bowen to terminate all difficulties.

Roller Skates, Dolls, Chinaware, novelties of all kinds in the line of Christmas Goods at Mrs. Larcade's.

Official announcement was made from Houston that the Southern Pacific would use the Illinois Central passenger station Jan. 1.

A beautiful line of Gold and Silver-Headed Umbrellas for ladies and gents, at F. J. Dietlein's, the Jeweler, on Landry street.

Give Our Side a Chance.

In our article of today, taken from the New York Herald, headed "Business Men in Theatricals," we notice that "A Wise Woman" is going to make a few stops before starting a run in San Francisco. Now why can't we have this company stay one night with us? They surely must have a first class company to contemplate an extended run in the western metropolis. Such a company would be a relief from the No. 2, 3, and sometimes 4 companies that we generally get. Give us a chance.

The President has sent the following Louisiana nominations to the Senate for confirmation: Collector of Customs at New Orleans—Henry McCall.

Collector of Internal Revenue, District of Louisiana—William E. Howell.

Naval Officer of Customs, District of New Orleans—Elmer E. Wood.

Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans—Hugh S. Suthon.

The nominees belong to the "Lilly White" faction of the Republican party.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says: "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by all druggists and dealers in patent medicine. Every box warranted.

For Rent—A small farm near Opelousas suitable for market garden, dairy and poultry raising, with large residence and out-buildings. Possession given immediately. Apply at this office.

This place has 16 bearing pecan trees, a large number of figs—choice varieties, about 20 young fruit trees just beginning to bear, including peaches, plums, apricots, etc. Outbuildings consist of crib, barn, stable, chicken house, wash house, carriage house, servants quarters, &c.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by all druggists and dealers in patent medicine.

Imposed Upon.

Not the consumer, but the trader. Our prices for Christmas Toys, Millinery Goods, and all other stock will meet prices of liquidators. We have made special purchases and bargains and will give the public the benefit.

Mrs. Larcade, The Leading Milliner.

Selling Out.

Vilaseca's entire stock, without reserve or limit, consisting of dry goods, groceries, tobacco, furniture, hardware, tinware and fixtures, at public auction every Saturday and private sales on every other day until sold out.

M. VILASECA.

FOR SALE—Menzenhauer guitar-zither; good as new. Original price, \$68; now \$4. Suitable for a Christmas present. Apply to J. C. PIERCE, Courier Office.

\$500 to Loan

On real estate first mortgage security. Property must be worth at least double the amount of the loan, and be located in Opelousas or near by. For particulars apply at this office.

Today is already the 20th, and you only have until the 31st to decide whether or not you want to be disfranchised or be able to vote for the next two years at any of the State, district or parish elections.

The United States government has decided that the peaceful blockade of the Venezuelan ports shall not interrupt the commerce of this country.

I am not an exclusive shoe dealer, but I have by far the largest and best assorted line of shoes in town. F. L. Sandoz.

The holidays are approaching, and fireworks will be needed. You will find them at the Opera House Drug Store.

Drummond's Plumbing Shop—estimates on laying water pipes and repairs. Work done promptly.

The Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Has issued a statement of its business for the month of November, and the increase in the number of subscribers is shown as follows:

Number of subscribers Nov. 1, 1902.....88,920 " added during month.....4,411 " discontinued during month.....2,741 Net increase.....1,670 Total number of subscribers Nov. 29, 1902.....90,590

—Look for this picture when you buy a Blount Plow— NONE GENUINE WITHOUT IT.



A Liberal Offer.

With every order for dodgers, posters, hangers, etc., printed at the COURIER JOB OFFICE, we will give, free of charge, a reading notice calling attention to same in the local columns of this paper, thus doubling their advertising value. We are the only office in town able to do this, and the only printing office in the parish supplied with stock and trade cuts for illustrating large poster work of every description. We have over a hundred cuts of all sizes to select from. When you need anything in the printing line, no matter how small or how large the order, give us a call.

Admiral Dewey was ordered to send a competent officer of his fleet to assist the American minister at Caracas.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, widow of ex-President Grant, died at her residence in Washington City last Sunday night.

Pay your poll tax before the 31st day of December next.

A full line of fireworks at the Opera House Drug Store.

CARD OF THANKS.

The committee in charge of the Fair for the benefit of the new Catholic Church Building Fund, take this method of tendering their grateful thanks to all who assisted in the success of this occasion. The net amount turned into the fund after paying expenses was \$28.25, with one item yet to be added thereto. REV. J. ENGBERLIN, Chairman.

PEYTON R. SANDOZ, LAWYER.

All civil and criminal business will be given prompt and careful attention. Office over St. Landry State Bank, Main Street, Opelousas, La.

SANDOZ OPERA HOUSE. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th.

AN ORNATE BLAZE OF GLORY! A Gleeful Commingling of Joy!

TWENTY-EIGHTH EDITION RICHARDS & PRINGLES GEORGIA MINSTRELS



SIMPSON & PITTMAN Richards & Pringle's FAMOUS GEORGIA Minstrels

A desirable and well improved property centrally located for business, (known as the Hadden residence) is offered for sale. It consists of about 1 1/2 acres of ground, with a cabin for tenants, crib, stables, etc. There is a garden on the place, with some nice bearing peach trees. Price, \$2,000.

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NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, La., Nov. 11, 1902.—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 Frank Wharton, U. S. Commissioner, at Bayou Cholet, La., on December 23, 1902, viz: Robert S. Stinson.

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MONEY TO LEND

On improved cotton plantations in the alluvial districts of St. Landry and Avoyelles Parishes. Terms to suit applicant. Rates low. Write for full particulars to T. W. HOLLOWAY, Alexandria, La., local correspondent of the Middlesex Banking Company, Memphis, Tenn.

Oct. 18, 1902, 3m. 1000

STEL BENECHAUD

Carondelet and Perdido Streets, NEW ORLEANS. American Plan, \$10.00 and up per Day. European Plan, \$15.00 and up per Day. BENECHAUD & SUTHERLAND. AUGUST 16, 1902.

HORSES & MULES

Write and consult with our agent for a horse or mule. We have a large stock of horses and mules for sale. Write for full particulars to our agent, Mr. J. B. Sandoz, Opelousas, La.

HOW WILL YOU HAVE IT? OYSTER SALOON

Has opened a saloon on the 301 1/2 street. It is the place where you can get the best Oysters, Crab, Shrimp, and other delicacies of the season, wholesale or retail. Patrons are a specialty. J. B. Sandoz.

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

ESTATE OF MARY BERTHA MITCHELL, No. 3502.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of Louisiana, holding sessions in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, on the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned under the supervision of the court, the property of the said late Mary Bertha Mitchell, at the principal front door of the Court House, in Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana.

Wednesday, January 21, 1903, commencing at the hour of 11 a. m., the following described property, to-wit: A certain tract of land situated in St. Landry parish, on the right bank leading from Oak street to Washington, with the improvements thereon, containing 100 and 1/2 acres, more or less, bounded east by said Oak street, south by property of Felix Chachere, west by property of J. B. Sandoz, and north by land now or formerly belonging to Henry L. Garland, February 24, 1898, by act, book of Conveyances of this Parish, recorded in Conveyance Book No. 3, p. 148.

Terms: Cash. JOSEPH VIELLEND & HAUBERT, Dec. 20, 1902. Under Tutor.

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

ESTATE OF PIERRE-JEAN LEDET, No. 3503.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, on the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned natural tutor, or any duly qualified attorney, at the principal front door of Court House in the town of Opelousas, La.

Wednesday, January 21, 1903, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit: A tract of land with buildings and improvements, situated in Prairie Maudon, in this parish, containing 100 and 1/2 acres, more or less, bounded north by property of Joseph Leudet, south and west by property of Sunny Road, south and east by property of Theogene Leudet. 4 horses, 1 wagon, 1 buggy, 1 sewing machine, household and kitchen furniture.

Dec. 20, 1902. ELOI PIERDROMIE, Natural Tutor.

NOTICE OF FINAL TABLEAU. ESTATE OF WILLIAM RASPERY, No. 3510.

PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

Whereas, Ruffin B. Walker, of the parish of St. Landry, Administrator of the above named estate, has filed his final account, and account accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said Tableaux, to file the same in writing in my office in the town of Opelousas, in ten days from the present notice. H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. ESTATE OF LOUIS COLTON DEVILLER, No. 3505.

PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

Whereas, Mrs. Nannie Deviller and her husband, Robert N. Deviller, have applied by their petition to be appointed joint administrators of the said estate.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said appointment, to file the same in writing in my office in the town of Opelousas, in ten days from the present notice. H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. ESTATE OF JERRY MAY, No. 3506.

PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

Whereas, John May, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of said estate.

PURINA FEED

LOOK FOR DONKEY ON EVERY BAG. Saves. BECAUSE IT GOES ONE-THIRD FARTHER THAN CORN AND OATS.

FOR SALE. A house and lot in the town of Washington, La., in the parish bounded by Carriere, Williams, Eves and Dore. Frame building, made of choice cypress, well finished, weatherboarded outside, 2000 feet. Will be sold cheap for cash, or part cash and balance on time to suit. For particulars apply at the COURIER office, Opelousas, La.