

HOUMA CERES.

In some of the eastern States, a tax is levied on old bachelors for the support of old maids. If a tax of \$1 a month per head was levied upon the bachelors in this place, it would be quite sufficient to educate all the indigent children in the Parish.

A great race came off at Natchez about a week ago, between Lecompte and Pryor—the latter horse was the victor. That Gilpatrick poisoning scrape has ruined Lecompte.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE.—Adam's Wedding.—An English journal, the Britannia, has an amusing article under the head of "Adam's Wedding." The editor says that he likes short courtships, and in this Adam acted like a sensible man—he fell asleep a bachelor, and awoke to find himself a married man. He appears to have "popped the question" immediately after meeting Ma'am Eve; and she, without flirtation or shyness, gave him a kiss and her self. Of that first kiss in this world we have had, however, our own thoughts, and sometimes in poetical mood have wished we were the man that did it. But the deed is or was done; the chance was Adam's and he improved it. We like the notion of getting married in a garden; it is in good taste. We like a private wedding, and Adam's was strictly private. No curious beaux were there, no croaking old maids, no chattering aunts, and grumbling grandmothers. The birds of heaven were minstrels, and the glad sky shod its light upon the scene. One thing about the first wedding brings queer ideas into our heads, of scriptural truth. Adam and his wife were rather young to be married; some two or three years old, according to the sagacious speculations of theologians—mere babies—larger, but not older—without a house, without a pot or kettle—nothing but love and Eden!—Picayune.

Shocking Murder in Ohio.—A paper published in Chillicothe, Ohio, furnishes the following account of a horrible murder recently perpetrated in that region:

A family named Rhodes, consisting of the father and two sons, living about one mile from Hamden, on the Jackson road, were known to have in their possession a considerable sum of money. The father was absent on Wednesday night, and soon after the sons had retired to bed, three men, disguised as negroes, entered the home and commenced an attack upon them. A portion of the money was concealed in the bed in which the brothers were sleeping, and on being attacked one of them sprang out of the bed, with the handkerchief containing the money in his hand, and attempted to make his escape. He knocked down two of his assailants, and was himself knocked down and severely cut before he escaped from the house. He immediately ran towards Hamden and raised the alarm, and after procuring assistance, returned to the house, and found his brother dead, and his body in a sitting position in one corner of the house. There was a considerable sum of money in bank bills in a bureau drawer, which the murderers did not find, and consequently, they did not secure a cent of the booty which it seems to have been their object to obtain.

A Girl of Mark.—Upon the conclusion of a marriage at a village church, in England, a few weeks since, the bridegroom signed the register with "his mark." The young bride did the same, and then, turning to a lady who had known her as the best scholar in the school, whispered to her, while tears of honest love and admiration stood in her eyes, "He's a dear fellow, ain't he, but cannot write yet. He's going to learn of me, and I would not change him for the world." Was she not emphatically a girl of mark?

A High Medical Authority.—Professor Huxham, says that, so far as external life is concerned, sleep is no less necessary for its duration than its health. Without the proper and necessary amount of sleep the energy is dried up and withered, and we waste away as a tree would, deprived of the sap that nourishes it. The principal effects are, that it retards all the vital processes, collects the vital power, and prevents what has been lost in the course of the day, and separates us from what is useful and pernicious. It is, as it were, a daily visit, during which all the secretions are removed in the greatest tranquillity and perfection.

Money is a matter of latitude. In Italy, a man with tight pants on is considered as great a vulgarian that he is not tolerated in a respectable society. To be in possession of an Arab, is to make the acquaintance of his chosen knave. In Russia, the man is considered low who makes a warm breakfast of fried codfish. In this country, vulgar people are such as keep good horses, and live within their income. Over insatiation that human faculty.

The Louisville Courier says that an abolitionist was tarred and feathered at Paducah, Ky., a few days ago, for meddling with slaves.

"Under which King, Bozonia? Speak," or Pay Costs?

The innocent and unoffending citizens of New Orleans, says the Crescent, are much in the same situation in regard to their Sheriff, as the fellow was to whom the foregoing sharp interrogatory was put.—True, are not called upon to "speak or die," but that they will be constrained to pay costs there is no shadow of question. That is clear—obvious—palpable. And, mayhap, double costs. "By the powers of mud," such a state of affairs would be as bad as a shower of the locusts of Egypt!

The question with the citizens now is, which Sheriff shall they obey?—Joseph Hufty or John M. Bell? They cannot answer to two writs. They cannot attend two summonses. They cannot obey two injunctions. In sooth, they cannot get along at all under the jurisdiction of two executive officers.

In our columns this morning, Mr. John M. Bell advertises that "the office of the Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans is temporarily situated at No. 11 St. Ann street, Pontalba buildings."

In the same column, Mr. Joseph Hufty advertises that "the office of the Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans remains in its old quarters, in the Court Buildings, and there it will remain until the title to it is adjudicated by the Supreme Court. All having business with the Sheriff will govern themselves accordingly."

"Now, here is a 'pretty kettle of fish.' The law says there shall be but one Sheriff. Such a condition of things ought to be obviated as soon as possible. If continued to any length of time it must lead to vexatious and expensive litigation—to an annoying and fruitless trouble—to doubt and uncertainty—all of which the people will have to pay for and endure.

We trust the gentlemen immediately concerned will use all due exertion to have the question settled by the Supreme Court as speedily as practicable. It has to be determined by that tribunal, and the sooner the better.

Since the above was in type, we have received the following from the True Delta, which puts a final quietus to the much mooted case:

The case of Bell vs. Hufty, came up before the Supreme Court this morning. The Court refused to hear any argument on the matter, ordering the commission of Mr. Bell to be made a matter of record. When we left the Court Mr. Bell was having his deputies sworn in before Judge Robertson, of the First District Court.

Queen Victoria held a levee at St. James Palace, on the afternoon of the 20th ult., at which the following presentations were made of the diplomatic corps by the United States Minister: Hon. John J. Seibels, American Minister to Belgium; Mr. James G. Clarke, Secretary of the United States at Brussels; Mr. E. G. W. Butler, Secretary of the United States Legation at Berlin.

A young lady of respectable connections, from Philadelphia, has been going on at an extravagant rate in Petersburg, Va., in the attire of a nice young gentleman. She was, however, discovered by her father on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., just as she was leaving in the cars for the South. The papers say that when the affectionate parent beheld his gentlemanly daughter thus metamorphosed he was lost for words; but finally managed to exclaim, "Is that you, Eliza?" To which the gallant runaway responded, "This is me, father. Oh! I'm so sorry I left you," and she burst into tears.

A New Feature in a Religious Newspaper.—One of the religious newspapers of New York has commenced the publication of a weekly "black list," the names of merchants, planters, speculators and manufacturers who fail in business. Some of the particulars of the operations of the unfortunate individuals are given in a jocose and exultant tone, which reads curiously enough in a religious journal.

Discoveries in Electricity.—The Scientific American thinks that we must be on the verge of some new and great discoveries in electricity. As to its capacity as a substitute for steam and other motive agents, the editor says that though attempts have been made in that direction, it has not been able to compete with steam in an economical point of view, and has many difficulties to overcome before it can.

Appropos.—A country editor thinks that Richels, who declared that the "pen was mightier than the sword," ought to have spoken a good word for the "scissors."

Taste.—There are men with eyes in their heads, shrewd and self-loving withal who are yet blind to half the pleasures of existence. The many-tinted sky, the sparkling firmament, the varied earth, the boundless ocean, are not for them; they see them indeed, and so does a horse.

The Chattanooga Advertiser congratulates the world upon the rapid increase of the population of that place, 28 babies having been born in that city in about the same number of days, and "the cry is still they come!"

The great composer Rossini says that the English go to the opera to sleep, the French talk, the Germans to dream, and the Italians to listen.

Alexander Hamilton was only 20 years of age when he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the army of the revolution, Aid-de-Camp to Washington. At 25, he was a member of the Continental Congress; at 30 he was one of the ablest members of the Convention which framed the Constitution of the United States; at 32, he was Secretary of the Treasury and organized that branch of the Government upon so complete and comprehensive a plan, that no great change or improvement has since been made upon it.

Composing and Distributing Machine.—A Danish mechanic has invented a composing and distributing machine. Contrivances for setting up or distributing type are not new, but this combines both operations; and while the compositor is composing a page by playing exercises, or keys arranged as in the piano, the type that has been printed from is distributed at the same moment. The inventors claim that the machine will do the work of four men.

A young lady has written down in her album that kissing is a capital offence.

Mr. Fillmore is expected to return from Europe early in June.

Seventy-three battles were fought during the year 1855, in which 78,937 men were killed. The whole number of deaths occasioned by war cannot be less than 300,000.

Oyster Famine in Boston.—Oysters are selling in Boston at five dollar, per gallon.

Hearing a man complain that political papers of all kinds had become such liars, that for his part, he did not believe any of them, reminds me of the old story of the miller and three sons. Coming into the mill, and finding a grist in the hopper, the old man cried out: "Tom have you tolled this grist?"

"Yes sir."
"Bill have you tolled this grist?"
"Yes sir."
"Sam have you tolled this grist?"
"Yes sir."
"You are all such a pack of lying scoundrels says the old man, 'I don't believe a word you say—I'll toll it myself.'"

Gapes in Chickens.—A small pinch of gunpowder, given to a chicken with the gape, will effect a sure and complete cure in from one to three hours time.

One of Tom Moore's obituaries: Here lies John Shaw, Attorney-at-law; And when he died, The Devil cried, Give us your paw, John Shaw, Attorney-at-law!

HOUMA DRUG STORE

FRIZELL & BROOKS, DEALERS IN DRUGS & MEDICINES, HOUMA, LA.

Physicians' Prescriptions carefully dispensed. Also—English and French Perfumery, German Cologne, Soap, Pomades, Oils, Tonics for the Hair, Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes, Combs, elegant Toilets and Fancy Articles, &c. Pure Wines and Brandy, for Medicinal Purposes, Choice Cigars, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window Glass, Putty, Dye Stuffs, Alcohol, Turpentine, Copal and Shell Lac Water. BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c. 1-f.

ANNUALS AND GIFT BOOKS.—A great variety—suitable for presents—among which are:—The Home Annual; Gems of Beauty; The Philopina; Eastman's Aboriginal Port Folio; Memory's Gift; Snow Flake; The Amaranth; The Token; Cecilia's Gift; The Sybil; or New Oracles from the Fates; The Rose of Sharon; The Garland; The Casket; Atlantic Souvenir; Book of the World; Great Traits by Great Authors; Tupper's Prose Works. Just received at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

TOOTH AND HAIR BRUSHES.—A fine assortment of English and French Teeth Brushes, with Plain, Fluted and Fancy Handles—selected purposely for our retail trade. Also—French, English and American Hair Brushes in Buffalo and Fancy Wood Handle. Just received and for sale at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

NEW JEWELRY.—The subscriber has just received from the manufacturers, a good assortment of new and fashionable Jewelry, for sale at low prices. J. B. FREEZE, Houma Drug Store.

A FAMILY LUXURY.—Choice SYRUPS of Raspberry, Lemon, Strawberry, Fine Apple and Vanilla—a delightful beverage for Family use. [March-18] FRIZELL & BROOKS.

DR. CHAMPION'S VEGETABLE AGUE PILLS—AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY for the Fever and Ague—For sale by FRIZELL & BROOKS.

A CHOICE ARTICLE of Double Distilled Bay Water, for sale at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

COX'S PATENT REFINED SPARK-ING GELATINE, and Food for Infants and Invalids—For sale at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

GOLD PENS—GOLD PINS.—A full and choice assortment of Bonnett's Envy & Co's celebrated manufactures—Just received and for sale at March-5 FRIZELL & BROOKS.

SILVER, BUTTER AND FRUIT KNIVES.—Just received and for sale by FRIZELL & BROOKS.

LADIES RETICULES.—Just received and for sale at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

PURE PORT, MADEIRA AND SHERRY WINES.—For sale by FRIZELL & BROOKS.

JAYNES' MEDICINES.—A full assortment of Dr. Jaynes' Medicines, for sale at the Houma Drug Store. FRIZELL & BROOKS.

WRITING INKS and Ink Boxes, just received at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

TOILET AND HAND MIRRORS.—HOUMA DRUG STORE.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR.—For sale at the HOUMA DRUG STORE.

SHERIFF'S SALES, &c.

Succession sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—PARISH OF TERREBONNE. Succession of JAMES L. CAROTHERS, deceased.

In the name and by the authority of the Fifth Judicial District Court, setting in and for the Parish of Terrebonne, there will be offered for sale at Public Auction, by Aubin Bourg, Sheriff, duly commissioned and sworn in and for said Parish, on

Monday, 21st day of April, 1856, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House in Houma, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain TRACT OF LAND situated on the right bank of Bayou Black, descending in the Parish of Terrebonne, about eighteen miles below the town of Houma, bounded above by land of Albert Kendall and J. C. Beatty, and below by land of Johnson and Barrow, being Sections 83, 84 and 116 of Township 16, Range 15 E., containing about 480 arpents, together with all the Buildings and Improvements thereon and thereunto belonging.

Terms and Conditions.

The price payable by fourths—one fourth Cash, and the balance in one, two and three years from the day of sale. Purchasers being required for the credit installments, to give their notes with good and approved security, signing jointly and severally with themselves to the order of Mrs. Aurora Carothers, Tutrix, payable at the office of the Recorder of the Parish of Terrebonne, with eight per cent per annum interest after maturity until paid, and the payment of said notes to be secured by a special mortgage on the property sold.

A. BOURG, Sheriff. Parish of Terrebonne, March 15th, 1856.

VENTE DE SUCCESSION.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE—PAROISSE TERREBONNE. Succession de JAMES L. CAROTHERS, decede.

Au nom et par l'autorité de la Cour du Cinquieme District Judiciaire, siégeant dans et pour la Paroisse Terrebonne, il sera offert en vente publique par Aubin Bourg, Sheriff, dument commissionné et assermenté dans et pour la dite Paroisse,

Lundi le 21 Avril, 1856, à 11 heures, A. M., à la maison de Cour à Houma, la propriété ci-après décrite, savoir:—

Un certain MORCEAU DE TERRE situé sur la rive droite du Bayou Black en descendant, dans la Paroisse Terrebonne, à environ 18 milles du dessous de la ville de Houma, borné en haut par la terre de Albert Kendall et J. C. Beatty, et en bas par la terre de Johnson et Barrow, étant les Sections 83, 84 et 116 du Township 16, Rangée 15 E., contenant à peu près 480 arpents, ensemble avec toutes les Batisses qui s'y trouvent.

Termes et Conditions.

Le prix payable par quarts; un quart Comptant, et la balance en un, deux et trois ans du jour de la vente. Les acquéreurs étant requis, pour les paiements à credit, de fournir leurs billets avec caution approuvés signant conjointement et solidairement avec eux, faits à l'ordre de Madame Aurora Carothers, Tutrice, payable à l'office du Recorder de la Paroisse Terrebonne, avec huit pour cent d'intérêt après échéance jusqu'au paiement, et le paiement des dits billets sera assuré par une hypothèque speciale retenu sur la propriété vendue. A. BOURG, Sheriff. Paroisse Terrebonne, ce 15 Mars, 1856.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Terrebonne—Fifth Judicial District Court.

Succession of Ignatius M. Jenkins and Martha Jane Moore, his wife, both dec'd.

WHEREAS: G. F. Connelly of said Parish, Administrator of said Succession, has this day filed with the undersigned, Clerk of said Court, a final Tableau of his administration of the said Succession, praying that the same may be homologated—now, therefore, all persons interested are hereby warned and notified to file their objections, if any they have, to the homologation of said Tableau, with the Clerk of said Court, at his office in Houma, within thirty days after the publication hereof, otherwise the said Tableau will be homologated in due course of Law.

WITNESS my hand and the impress of my seal of office this 15th day of March, A. D. 1856. [23-17] H. NEWELL, Clerk.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE—Paroisse Terrebonne—Cour du Cinquieme District.

Succession de Ignatius M. Jenkins et Martha Jane Moore, sa femme, tous deux decedes.

ATTENDU, que G. F. Connelly de la dite Paroisse, Administrateur de la dite Succession, a ce jour déposé au bureau du Greffier de la dite Cour, un tableau final de son administration de la dite Succession, demandant qu'il soit approuvé et homologué—En conséquence toutes personnes intéressées sont prévenues et notifiées de déposer leurs objections, si elles en ont, à l'homologation du dit tableau au bureau du Greffier de la dite Cour à Houma, dans les trente jours qui suivent cette publication, autrement le dit tableau sera homologué d'après la Loi.

TEMOIN ma main et le sceau de mon office ce 15eme jour de Mars, A. D. 1856. [mars-20-4] H. NEWELL, Greffier.

SMITH & Co.,

FAMILY GROCERS, AND DEALERS IN WESTERN PRODUCE, ETC.,—Terrebonne Crossing—LUNCH ready at all times for passengers. They will also attend to the transportation of Freight to and from New Orleans. [m30-f]

Blacksmith and Engineer.

THE undersigned respectfully announces to the Public that he will attend to all kinds of Business in his line, viz:—

PUTTING UP AND REPAIRING STEAM ENGINES, MILLS, &c. &c. [m30-f] HORACE KENDALL.

G. F. CONNELLY. H. H. RIGHTOR.

Connelly & Rightor, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, WILL PRACTICE IN THE COURTS OF Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption. [n2] OFFICE IN HOUMA. [17]

Parish Officers.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF TERREBONNE.

Judge,..... Hon. JAMES L. COLE, District Attorney,..... J. J. ROMAN, Esq.

A. Bourg, Sheriff,..... Prosper P. LeBlanc, Deputy Sheriff, Clerk,..... Henry Newell, Deputy Clerk,..... E. N. Dreyfus, Parish Recorder,..... A. J. Deslauriers, Assessor,..... Joseph Tours.

OFFICERS POLICE JURY.

President,..... J. J. Roman, Esq. Clerk and Treas.,..... Frank Gagne, Esq. Parish Attorney,..... G. F. Connelly, Esq. Constable,..... Phillip Darce.

POLICE JURY MEMBERS.

1st Ward, W. Tenner, 5th Ward, J. Gueno, 2d " H. C. Thibodeaux, 7th " E. Fields, 3d " A. Lirette, 9th " J. B. Duplantier, 4th " J. J. Hanna, 10th " Peter Welsh, 5th " Isidore Dupuy, 11th " F. Theriot, 6th " J. Aycock, 12th " J. D. Umberfeld, 13th Ward, C. G. Wallis.

Arrivals and Departures of the Mails at and from Houma.

THE THIBODAUX MAIL arrives at Houma on Tuesdays and Thursdays at about 5 o'clock, P. M. The PATTERSONVILLE MAIL arrives on Thursdays at about 4 o'clock, P. M. MAIL FOR BOTH ROUTES closes at 6 o'clock, P. M. T. F. BROOKS, P. M.

SHERIFF'S SALES, &c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT—Parish of Terrebonne.

Hugh Daspit, vs. Felix Daspit. No. 1497.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. emanating from the above mentioned Court, sitting in and for the said Parish, directed to the undersigned, Sheriff, in the above entitled and numbered suit, there will be offered for sale at public auction, on Saturday the 5th day of April, 1856, between 11 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., the following described property, to-wit:

The undivided third of a certain Tract of land situated on the left bank of Bayou Little Caillou, in said Parish of Terrebonne, bounded above by land of F. Michel and below by that of J. B. Duplantier, which tract is composed of a part of No. 13 and 14; and the undivided third of another tract of land also situated in this Parish on the left Bank of Bayou Little Caillou, measuring two arpents front with the depth called for by the titles and surveys, bounded above by land of Eugene Guédry, and below by land of Jules Lagarde, together with all the Improvements thereon.

Said sale will be made to satisfy the principal, interest and cost of suit, in the above entitled and numbered cause.

Terms—CASH. A. BOURG, Sheriff. Parish of Terrebonne, Feb. 28, 1856.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE—COUR DU CINQUIEME DISTRICT JUDICIAIRE—Paroisse Terrebonne.

Hugh Daspit, vs. Felix Daspit. No. 1497.

En vertu d'un writ de fi. fa. emané de la Cour sous-dite, siégeant dans et pour la Paroisse Terrebonne, adressé au Sheriff soussigné dans la cause ci-dessus intitulée et numérotée, il sera offert en vente publique, à la maison de cour à Houma, Samedi le 5eme jour d'Avril, 1856, entre 11 heures A. M. et 4 heures P. M. la propriété ci-après décrite, savoir:

Les tiers indivis d'un certain morceau de terre situé sur la rive gauche du Bayou Petit Caillou, dans la Paroisse Terrebonne, borné en haut par la terre de F. Michel, et en bas par celle de J. B. Duplantier, le dit morceau de terre étant composé d'une partie de Nos. 13 et 14.

Et les tiers indivis d'un autre certain morceau de terre, aussi situé dans cette paroisse, sur la rive gauche de Bayou Petit Caillou, mesurant deux arpents de face, par la profondeur que porte les titres et les arpentages, borné en haut par la terre de Eugene Guédry, et en bas par la terre de Jules Lagarde, ensemble avec toutes les ameliorations qui s'y trouvent.

La dite vente sera faite pour satisfaire à la somme principale, l'intérêt et les frais de procès dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée et numérotée. Termes—COMPTANT. A. BOURG, Sheriff. Paroisse Terrebonne ce 28 Fev., 1856.

SAMUEL WOLF, GENERAL COLLECTOR, WILL ATTEND STRICTLY TO THE COLLECTION of all claims confided to him. Office in Houma. [m3-17]

Dr. J. L. JENNINGS, OFFERS HIS SERVICES to the citizens of Terrebonne. Residence and Office at the former residence of Dr. R. A. Frewitt. He is prepared with rooms and comfortable accommodations for six or eight patients, which he will attend on reasonable terms. [m3-17]

ASA S. ROSE, CARRIAGE & HARNESS MAKING AND REPAIRING, BLACKSMITHING!—AND—PLANTATION WORK!

The undersigned would respectfully inform the people of Terrebonne that he has established himself in Houma, where he intends to carry on the above business, on an extensive scale. Farmers and others having work in his line are invited to give him a trial, as he is confident that he is fully able to give satisfaction to all. He has in his employ one of the best horse shoers in the State, and all work in that line warranted. He would respectfully solicit a share of the patronage of his public. Houma, October 16, 1855—17-14-17 A. S. ROSE.

E. W. Blake, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLAQUEMINE, LA.

WILL practice in the courts of the 6th Judicial district, comprising the parishes of Iberville, East and West Baton Rouge—and in the Supreme and Federal Courts in New Orleans. [m3-17]

THOMAS J. HOFFER, SURGEON DENTIST, No. 109 ST. CHARLES STREET, (Opposite Lafayette Square) n19f NEW ORLEANS.