

THE LAST RATION.

By an Ex-Confederate Officer.

Few hear the immortals of Lee's army speak of the retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox Court House, the scene of that army's apotheosis, and the reason of that silence can be well understood. Knowing nothing and thinking little about the condition of the army outside of their own commands, the great body of the men, in their reliance upon their great commander, simply performed the duties imposed upon them, suffered the agonies that necessarily fell to their lot, and met calmly the death that ended those duties and agonies for many before the memorable 9th of April.

The sufferings of the rank and file of the army on that occasion were mercifully deadened by a stupor, if not recklessness, superinduced by the peculiar hardships to which they were subjected. The enemy, with his overwhelming force of splendidly mounted and equipped cavalry, held in addition the direct route to the point aimed at by Gen. Lee, retarding his advance, compelling him to fight while daylight lasted, and to do his marching by night. The want of sleep, and during the last four days of the retreat the entire lack of provisions, produced in the men the mental and physical condition I have mentioned. And although after the surrender the men and officers of the Federal army vied with each other in their kindness, and exhibited a desire to do everything in their power to relieve the necessities of their late foes, the destruction of a portion of their supply train by Gens. Rosser and Fitzhugh Lee, and the detention of the balance by the awful condition of the roads, left themselves in a critical condition, and incapable of affording Lee's army the much needed supplies.

Great efforts were made, and successful, to complete, as soon as possible, the paroling of the men, in order that they might be dispersed from a place where there was no sustenance of any description for man or beast. Among the first commands ready to leave were the First and Second Louisiana brigades, then commanded by Colonel Waggaman, and with them portions of the Washington Artillery, Louisiana Guard Battery, and Donaldsonville Artillery, all hailing from the same State, and naturally clustering together when about to return once more to their dear Southern homes.

The condition of these men was really deplorable. Starved, worn out, and many of them stricken with fever, they looked with dismay on the dismal march through the mud to Burkesville Station, the nearest point at which they could expect to find transportation. Col. Waggaman and many of the officers did not believe half of them would be able to perform the journey, and, as a *dernier ressort*, and also in some measure to inspire the men with hopes which he himself believed delusive, Col. W. started the brigade commissary ahead to try and pick up something for man and beast on the route which they were traveling.

The commissary, with no more hope of success than his commanding officer, started off, and after traveling a few miles over a tract which gave no promise of supplies, being rather dubious about the road the brigade would travel, accosted an old, gray headed, and

very ragged negro he found sitting at a cross-road, and questioned him in regard to the route to Burkesville. The negro replied intelligently, giving him the necessary directions, and the commissary was about to ride on, when it occurred to him that the darkey might possibly assist him in search for something eatable. He began by asking if he knew where he could get a feed for his horse.

After a moment's hesitation and a rapid inspection of the questioner, the darkey replied in the affirmative, and immediately led the way through a gate to a small clearing in the piney woods. Stopping in the yard of a small shanty, he went in and got the key of a pretty good sized corn-crib, which he opened and displayed to the commissary's envious gaze 40 or 50 bushels of the finest corn in the ear he had ever seen, even in Virginia. He took out a liberal feed for the horse, and remarked that "the Yanks had spar'd him that much." The commissary saw in his mind's eye his brigade once more eating a "square meal," and assuming his most persuasive tone, commenced:

"Uncle, I have about six hundred men behind here a little ways, who have eaten nothing to speak of for five or six days. They have thirty or forty miles to travel on foot, and they will never be able to make the trip in their present condition. Could you not let them have a couple of ears of corn apiece, and save their lives?"

Darkey: "Is dey Southern soldiers?"

Commissary: "Yes."

Darkey: "Well, I reckon, young master, they's the last I'll ever see. You just tell them to come along and take what they want."

And having said this the poor old fellow sat down on a stone and cried like a child.

In an hour or so the troops came along, and were marched up in single file to the corn-crib and given two ears apiece. The old darkey, in the meantime, had knocked in the head of a barrel of sorghum molasses, and nearly every man got a tin cupful. There were a few cases of cholera that night among those who were not fortunate enough to get any sorghum, but that did not lessen the gratitude of the men for the last Confederate ration issued to the Louisiana troops in Virginia.

Lake Charles Male and Female ACADEMY.

THE present session began, Monday, 23d Sept. 1867, and will close about the last of July 1868.

Charges in specie or its equivalent in currency, payable monthly.

Board, lodging and washing, per month for children.....\$8 00
For young men and young ladies, 9 00
Tuition in English department... 2 00

Students furnish their own bedding, lights, toilet soap, table and toilet napkins.

Strict attention paid to the moral instruction of students.

J. W. BRYAN, Principal.
Feb. 15, 1868.—ly.

Notice.

Convention Tax.

ALL persons owning property in this Parish, are hereby notified to come forward and settle their "Convention Tax" immediately, or they will incur the penalty prescribed by law. Office open every day.

D. J. READ,
Sheriff and Collector.
Sheriff's office, Lake Charles,
La., Feb. 15, 1868.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS hereby given that from and after this date, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Theogene Broussard, in the name of the partnership firm of Broussard & Co. I have instituted suit for the dissolution and settlement of said partnership.

JEAN CASTEX.
Mermentow River, Feb. 15, '68.—3t.

AVIS PUBLIC

EST par le présent donné, qu'à partir de cette date, je ne serais pas responsable, pour aucune dette, contractée par Theogene Broussard, au nom de la société commerciale Broussard & Cie. J'ai institué les procédures judiciaires pour la dissolution et le règlement de la dite société.

JEAN CASTEX.
Rivière Mermentow, 15 Fev. 1868.

W. H. KIRKMAN, M. D.

RESPECTFULLY offers to the citizens of Calcasieu, his Medical services on the following terms, to wit: One-half cash, or some available means, at the time of service, and the balance at the expiration of the year.

Lake Charles, Feb. 15, 1868.—tf.

Notice.

THE Stockholders of the Calcasieu Petroleum Association will meet at Lake Charles, on Saturday, February 22d, for the purpose of advising means to prosecute the work. Members will please attend and pay up their assessments or declare their stock forfeited.

Dr. W. H. KIRKMAN,
Director.
Lake Charles, Feb. 15, 1868.

Probate Sale.

Estate of Paul Augustin, deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Court of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Calcasieu, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administratrix or through the ministry of a duly commissioned Auctioneer, in the Town of Lake Charles, on

Monday, March 2d, 1868,

the following described property, belonging to the said succession, to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR

Parcel of Land,

fronting on Lake Charles, and described by act of sale from Louis Lefranc and wife, to said deceased, Paul Augustin, Sr., passed before W. H. Haskell, Recorder, on the 2d day of May, 1867, on file and of Record in his office, as being bounded North by Lake Charles, East by land of Mrs. Anselm Sallier, now Dr. W. H. Kirkman, South by _____ and West by land of Arvillien Farque, measuring Five and a half arpents front on Lake Charles, by Forty in depth, containing one hundred and eighty-one and 47/100 acres, all lying in Section 38, Township 10 South, Range 9 West, South-western Land District, with all the Buildings and other Improvements thereon.

A LOT OF LAND,

in the Town of Lake Charles, together with the Improvements, bounded North by property belonging to Estate, East by Ryan street, South by public square, and West by lot belonging to Estate of Hilaire Escoubas, measuring 71 feet front on public square, by 90 feet on Ryan street.

Another Lot with Improvements, lying North of the one just described, fronting 90 feet on Ryan street, by 71 feet in depth.

Another Lot fronting on Ryan street 118 feet, by 71 feet in depth until it strikes the North boundary of the lot belonging to the Estate of Escoubas, then 100 in depth, bounded North by lot of Wm. Levy, East by Ryan street, South by last described lot, and West by lot of Escoubas and this, said Estate, together with Improvements.

Another Lot fronting 71 feet on Pujó street, by 144 feet in depth, bounded North by Pujó street, East by lot of Wm. Levy, South by lot of said Escoubas, East and West by lot belonging to this said Estate.

Another Lot adjoining and lying West of the lot just described and of the same dimensions.

Household and kitchen furniture; 6 head of wild cattle (more or less); 6 head gentle cattle, (more or less); 1 ox cart; 1 wheelbarrow; 1 skiff; 1 yoke oxen; 1 double barrel shot gun, and other articles too tedious to enumerate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

On a credit of one, two and three

years from day of sale. Purchasers to furnish their notes with satisfactory security to the Administratrix in solido, and residents of this Parish, to bear eight per cent. interest per annum after maturity until paid. The lands remaining specially mortgaged and vendor's privilege retained until full and entire payment of both principal and interest. Acts of sale before W. H. Haskell, Recorder, at purchaser's expense. Purchasers also furnishing Internal Revenue stamps for sales and notes.

CELESTE AUGUSTIN,

Administratrix.

Lake Charles, February 15, 1868.

Vente Publique.

SUCCESSION DE PAUL AUGUSTIN, Sr., déc.

EN vertu d'un ordre de la 8me Cour de District dans et pour la Paroisse de Calcasieu, Etat de la Louisiane, il sera offert en vente publique, au plus offrant et dernier enchérisseur, par la soussignée Administratrice, ou par un Encanteur public, d'édit commissionné, en la Ville de Lac Charles, le

Lundi, 2me jour de Mars, 1868, les propriétés ci-dessous décrites, appartenant à la dite succession, savoir:

1o.—UNE TERRE,

à Lac Charles, et décrites par acte de vente de Louis Lefranc et sa femme, au dit défunt, fait pardevant Wm. H. Haskell, Recorder, le 2 de Mai, 1867, et enregistré dans son bureau, comme étant bornée au Nord par le Lac Charles, à l'Est par les terres de Wm. H. Kirkman, au Sud par _____, et à l'Ouest par les terres de Arvillien Farque, mesurant cinq arpents et demi de face sur le Lac Charles, sur une profondeur de quarante arpents, contenant cent quatrevingt-une et 47/100 acres, le tout étant dans la section No. 38, Township 10 Sud, Rangée 9 Ouest, District des Terres Sud-Ouest, Lnc., avec toutes les Bâtisses et améliorations.

2o.—Un Lot de Terre,

situé dans la Ville de Lac Charles, avec toutes les bâtisses et améliorations, borné Nord par les terres de la succession, Est par la rue Ryan, avec une face de 90 pieds, Sud par la place publique, avec une face sur la dite place publique de 71 pieds; et Ouest par le lot de la succession de Escoubas.

3o.—Un autre Lot, avec toutes

les bâtisses et améliorations, situé dans la Ville de Lac Charles, au Nord du dernier mentionné, et borné Nord par les terres de la succession, Est par la rue Ryan, Sud par le lot No. 2, et Ouest par le lot de la succession de Escoubas, avec une profondeur de 71 pieds.

4o.—Un autre lot de terre, si-

tué dans cette ville, au Nord du dernier mentionné, avec toutes les bâtisses et améliorations, borné au Nord par le lot de Wm. Levy, Est par la rue Ryan, avec une face de 118 pieds, Sud par le lot No. 3, dernier mentionné, et Ouest par le lot de la succession de Escoubas, avec une profondeur de 71 pieds, jusqu'à l'encoignure du dit lot de la succession de Escoubas, et de la, une profondeur de cent (100) pieds.

5o.—Un autre lot de terre, si-

tué dans cette ville, borné Nord et avec une face sur la rue Pujó, de 71 pieds, Est par le lot de Wm. Levy, Sud par le lot de la succession de Escoubas, Ouest par les terres de la succession, avec une profondeur de 144 pieds.

6o.—Un autre lot de terre, si-

tué dans cette ville, borné Nord et avec une face sur la rue Pujó, de 71 pieds, Est par le lot No. 5, dernier mentionné, Sud par le lot de la succession de Escoubas, et Ouest par le lot de _____ sur une profondeur de 144 pieds.

Mobilier de maison; ustensiles de cuisine; 6 têtes de bêtes à cornes farouches, (plus ou moins); 6 têtes de bêtes douces, (plus ou moins); une charrette à bœufs; une brouette; un esquif; une paire de bœufs de tire; un fusil double; et une quantité d'autres articles dont l'énumération serait trop long.

TERMES ET CONDITIONS:

A un, deux et trois ans de crédit du jour de la vente. Les acquéreurs fournissant leurs billets avec cotations personnelles, solidaire; résidents de cette Paroisse, à la satisfaction de l'Administratrice, payables à elle ou son ordre, portant intérêts à huit pour cent l'an de leurs échéances jusqu'au parfait paiement. Les terres demeurant spécialement hypothéquées avec privilège du vendeur, en faveur de la dite succession, jusqu'au parfait paiement du principal et des intérêts.

Les actes de vente pardevant Wm. H. Haskell, Recorder, aussi les Stamps de Revenu pour les ventes et les billets, seront aux frais des acquéreurs.

CELESTE AUGUSTIN,

Administratrice.

Lac Charles, 15 Fevrier 1868.