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State of Louisiana.

Parish of Pointe Coupee—Ninth District Court.

Rosalie Gremillion, wife, vs. Alex. Chust, jr., husband. } No. 1993.

THIS CASE was this day taken up for trial pursuant to assignment, and the plaintiff having duly proved her demand and the law and evidence being in favor of plaintiff, and against defendant.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff, Rosalie Gremillion, do have judgment against and recover from her husband, Alexander Chust, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-three cents, with five per cent interet from the date of this judgment, and that she be decreed to have a legal mortgage on all the land and slaves owned by said defendant since the 12th day of March, 1855, for the payment of said claim.

It is further ordered and decreed that the said plaintiff do recover the slave Arthemise, and that said slave be deceed to be her paraphernal property, and that the rcommunity heretofore existing between said parties be dissolved, and the plaintiff authorized to administer her estate as a feme sole, and that she be separated in property from her said husband.

Signed—A. D. M. Haralson, 9th District Court, April 12th 1858.

A true copy J. B. BLANCHARD, D. C.
Pointe Coupee, May 1, 1858. 16-y

TAKEN UP

BY J. K. PICKETT, on Bayou Grosse Tete on the 30th ult., a Cow and calf, the cow is marked with a crop and under bit in the right ear and an underslope in the left. No other marks perceptible. The owner is required to come forward prove property, pay charges and take them away, otherwise they will be disposed of according to law.

May 8, 1858. 17 8w

NOTICE!

THE PUBLIC is hereby cautioned against trading for a note, signed by AUGUSTE ST. DISIER, and FORESTIN HEBERT, for the sum of two thousand dollars, payable on the 1st day of March, 1859, in favor of Ursin Sicard, and endorsed *ne varietur*, as said note is fraudulently in the hands of a third party.

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State of Louisiana.

Parish of Pointe Coupee—Ninth District Court.

In the matter of the succession of Lise Gremillion, widow Simeon Major, deceased.

Pursuant to an order of the Ninth District Court, to me directed, I, the sheriff undersigned, will offer for sale, on Saturday, the 26th of June, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the premises, the following pooperty to-wit:

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Pointe Coupee, May, 29 1858-tds.

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Parish of Pointe Coupee—Ninth District Court.

B. J. SAGE, vs. J. C. CAIN, } No. 1772.

BY virtue of and to satisfy a writ of fi fa, issued in the above entitled suit and to me directed by the Hon. the 4th District Court in and for the parish and State aforesaid, to satisfy plaintiff's demand and costs of suit, I have seized, and will offer at public sale at the Court House on

Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1858,

at 11 o'clock, a. m. all the right and interest that the defendant has in and to the following described property to-wit:

A tract of land situated on the Atchafalaya river, in the parish of Pointe Coupee, known and designated at lot No. eight, in township No. four, south of range No. 7, east, in the South Eastern Land District, with all the buildings and improvements theron.

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SEVERIN PORCHE, Sh'f.
Pointe Coupee, May 1, 1858. 16tds

NOTICE

Is hereby given that A. Leclerc has applied to the Ninth District Court in and for the parish of Pointe Coupee, to be appointed administrator of the succession of William Neary deceased, and that if no opposition is made to his demand in ten days after this date, he will be appointed accordingly.

By order of the Ninth District Court.
A BONDY, Clerk,
Pointe Coupee, May 29, 1858.

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A SONG OF THE DESERT.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF GEN. E. DAUMAS.

BY DR. H. J. RICHARDS.

Our journey finally approached its end as we arrived at the country of the Chamleet el-Machady, and although we were still distant twelve days' journey from Metlily, we could imagine ourselves already at home at the sight of familiar faces and objects; conspicuous among the latter were the trees resembling those of our own gardens, upon which were perched flocks of wild pigeons. One of our number, Ben Abd Allah, who had visited Soudan only to gain the marriage portion which the custom required, gave vent to his feelings in the following lines.

* * * * *

Where dwell those maidens of the flowing vest—
Each hiding one dear secret in her breast,
Whose treasured sweets some youthful Tifour shares,
For whose fond love the sterner death she dares!
Once they were with me; why hath Allah torn
Such joys away, and left me here forlorn?

As o'er the city thro' the moonlit night,
Towers the proud minaret in spotless white;
So in the pride of beauty and of grace,
Gleamed their fair forms o'er all the Desert race:
Stately as palm-trees by the fountain side,
Warned by the evening breeze, their footsteps glide.

Still doth Sahara list fair Meriem's laugh?
White as our Holy Prophet's banner-staff
Her polished arms; as black her silken hair
As those broad plumes the Desert-bird doth bear.
Each eye-brow's rounded arch—a Berber bow:
Like Arab rifles flash her eyes below.

Bird of a noble race! I charge thee, haste!
And as thou skimmest o'er Sahara's waste,
Sloop on thy pinions from the sultry air,
And search if Love be still a dweller there.

SINGULAR DISCOVERY.—The Provincetown Banner mentions the discovery of a stone wall at that place, seven or eight feet below a surface of sand, which is conjectured to have been built more than a century ago, and probably soon after the landing of the Pilgrims, as the earth above it was, sixty years ago, covered witn a thick growth of small trees and shrubbery. The stones of which it is composed must have been conveyed there by small vessels.

GIVE YOUR BOYS A TRADE.—Franklin says, "He who has a trade has an estate," and never was a more true or a more useful maxim uttered by that great man. Many were the rules of conduct laid down by him and practiced, too, through all his long life, which, if followed by all men in all times and ages, would greatly improve the condition and circumstances of the multitude. The above saying is easy to be understood by all, and applicable to all professions and pursuits. A great day will it be for our country when the youth shall be induced or compelled to adopt some calling, whether mercantile or what is really mechanical. And a greater day will it be when more of them shall choose the latter—to become respectable mechanics, rather than second-rate lawyers, or doctors, or divines.

A CHURCH BURNER.—A man in Holmes county, Ohio, named Wallick, who for some years has been insane on religious subjects, took it into his head a few weeks ago that he was commissioned to burn down all the churches. Accordingly on Thursday last he proceeded to set fire to the Lutheran and Methodist Churches, but before much damage was done he found himself in jail. He is said still to be of the belief that the only salvation for the people is in his getting out and burning the churches.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.—Com. Broughton the editor of the Norfolk (Va) Herald, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage on Friday evening week. A large company, including children and grandchildren, was present on the occasion and an interesting address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong; the worthy couple are now 71 years of age.

BARON DE KALB.—J. Spear Smith Esq., President of the Maryland Historical Society, has published an interesting memoir of this brave old soldier, who fell fighting on the plains of Kershaw. De Kalb was of very large size and herculean powers and endurance. His breast armor and back-plate alone were of sollid iron, and weighed nearly twenty pounds. They were worn by the Baron in the long fight, for hours in the middle of August in the deep thickets of middle Carolina. The armor is now in the possession of the Middleton family, South Carolina.

[Communicated.]

E. J. PULLEN, ESQ—*Dear Sir*:—If the attention of your readers is not wholly absorbed in watching the movements of the great Father of Waters, and its ravages upon its immediate territory, I may hope to excite some interest in its great off-shoot the Atchafalaya, and that large portion of our Parish at present under its control.

For six years past (within which period many new settlements have been made upon the lower portion of the river, chiefly by residents of the Mississippi and the Feliciana Parishes, who were of course totally inexperienced in everything relating to a swamp coutry,) the river has never threatened to encroach beyond its natural banks. Since 1853, the larger bayous upon the east side of the Atchafalaya, through whose channels the river relieved itself during high water of a large portion of its surplus contents which was expended over the swamps, have been closed by the State; many of the smaller sloughs and *coulees* have been stopped by individual proprietors, and the back lands have thus been kept dry.

During this long period of exemption from high water *the Atchafalayians hardened their hearts; and cut no ditches, and neglected their levees.*

The long immunity from overflow that we have enjoyed has doubtless created a feeling of security that has been productive of great carelessness and neglect of means that, if reasonably employed, would have fully protected us from any disaster that a high stage of water in the Atchafalaya could entail upon us. The experience of the present season has taught us much. It has taught us in the first place that our lands are more easily and cheaply protected than any alluvial lands in the State. That, whereas on the Mississippi, Red River and Bayou Lafourche, a levee of from eight to twelve, and in some places fifteen feet in height, is required to protect the country from inundation, our front will be made entirely secure by a levee of *four feet elevation* over *the average height of the break.* It has taught us some secrets that we did not know, regarding the nature of the soil, that may be turned to good account in the future construction of levees and embankments. That deep ditches are of equal value for the protection, as in the improvement of alluvial lands. And finally that the interest of individual proprietors is so closely identified with the good of the whole, that it becomes the duty of each oneto make a practical application of the information acquired, in some instances at considerable cost; and our policy as a whole to enforce without relaxation or partiality the entire law of our Police Jury in relation to roads and levees. Too much indulgence in this respect has already been granted. We have too easily persuaded ourselves that we were secure; and the menacing waters have nearly suprised us in the lethargy of false security.

Leaving for the present these general reflections, which I have thrown out *en passant*, intending to revert more *in extenso*, upon a future occasion, to some points which I have at present but briefly noticed, I will conclude this communication with as much local intelligence as my limited means of observation will permit. Crevasses and transpiration water have played sad havoc with our roads. From Caruth's plantation downwards land traveling is interrupted at every three or four miles by a crevasse, a broken embankment, or a quag-mire formed by water oozing through the levee. A crevasse took place on Sunday morning in the levee opposite the Mock tract about four miles below Simmsport. All attempts to close the break, which is only about forty feet in width, have been abandoned. Should the river continue to fall, the damage caused to the vicinity by this crevasse will not be very great, as it would require at least ten days to fill Moreau bayou. Until that is done, the back water cannot be raised so as sensibly to injure the plantations in its vicinity. No other crevasses have occurred on the Pointe Coupee side above Cypress Point. Below, the embankment across the bayou at Mr. Wm. Lindsey's house has given away and that gentleman has suffered severely in consequence. A portion of the bank upon which his house stood gave way, carrying with it a portion of the building. The swamps in the rear from this point down to the Latenache is full, Lake bayou is on a level with the Atchafalaya. The principal embankments viz., Moreau, Marine. and Lake bayous, are still intact, and if no further rise takes place, secure.

Below Cypress Point, the levees being but temporary constructions hastily thrown up from time to time, as the water continued to rise, have been in many places insufficient; and the proprietors have therefore suffered to a much greater extent than the upper river residents—upon our side of the river the proportion of cultivated land under water is fully one third; and the high land is saturated with transpiration water for want of sufficient ditching.

The crops upon those plantations uninjured by water are very promising; the cane looks particularily fine. I saw corn on the plantations of Gen. B. B. Simmes and Wm Hilary Callahan about ready to tassel. Wherever the water has been prevented from injuring the crop, it is fully up to the standard of Atchafalaya excellence. Should our hope that the water will continue to fall not prove fallacious, a second planting may yet improve the prospects of those who a few weeks ago, saw nothing but irremediable loss as the result.

The river has receded about four inches from its highest point from the time it commenced falling. *Vale.* R.

ANTI-KANSAS CONSTITUTION DEMOCRATS.—The entire body of Democrats in Congress voted for the Kansas bill recently passed, with the exception of the following;—three in the Senate, and a baker's dozen in the House.

SENATE.—Messrs Douglas, Stuart and Broderick.

The Democrats in the House who voted against it were

Adrian, of New Jersy, Chapman, of Pennsylvania, Clark of New York, Hickman of Pennsylvania, McKibbin, of California, Marshall, of Illinois, Davis, of Indiana, Morris of Illinois, Shaw of Illinois, Smith, of Illinois.

To this list might be added the name of Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, who had paired off with Warren of Arkansas, and therefore did not vote.

This little squad—a baker's dozen—did all they could to defeat the bill and *modestly* asked the 112 sound National Democrats who voted for the bill and carried it, to knock under to them!—This would have been carrying out the majority principle with a vengeance.

☞The following is a literal copy of a bill drawn up and introduced into the California Assembly by an honorable member—a member of the Lower House!

AN ACKT.

To prevent negroes kummin to Kallyforny. *The peeple uv the Stait of Kallyforny, represented in sennit and Assemble, du enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. No nigger not now an inhabitant uv, in and legal voter in this Stait, shall be permitted to liv, rezide, or stay in this Stait enny longer,

SEC. 2. Enny nigger hoo willfully or axidently violats the furst seekshun uv this ackt shell be transported from this Stait and sold to the lowest bidder, Chinamen excluded.

SEC. 3. Niggers who kum with their masters to sojourn, temperarily shell not be inklewded in the provisions uv this ackt; provided: such sojourning exseed 40 years. If any ship gets recked on the shores uv this Stait, with a nigger on borde; and if such shell tri tu swim, he shall be pushed under wotter

SEC. 4. All ackts or part uv ackts contravenin this, is repealeed.

EFACTING CLAWS.—A nigger to be deklared on obnoksus newsens, not to be permitted, and every Sheriff in this Stait may be a nigger driver if he chuse.