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Notice.—All those who owe the Advertiser, for Subscription, Advertisements or in any other way are notified to come and settle immediately if they wish to avoid costs.

☞The last week has been but a fit of the preceeding one, the heavens have been pouring an incessant rain for the last two weeks, our country is flooded, the Vermilion, but a few days ago placidly sunk in its banks, has swollen into a turbid rolling tide sweeping over its sides and flooding the riparian proprietors, and the smallest stream of our prairies is either merged unseen in the boundless expanse of water covering the face of the country, or foaming and bounding within its contracted but deep laid bed, bidding caution to the traveller. Our roads are impracticable, and the faces once so familiar are no more seen, and the town with its mired streets is thrown upon its own limited resources for sustenance. Never in the course of our experience have we witnessed such heavy and such continous rains, and we must exclaim enough, enough, mighty Jove, thou hast plentifully quenched the thirst of our parched fields. *"Jam sat prata bibere."*

☞Mr. Alcée Judice will re-open his academy on Monday next, the 25th inst., at the residence formerly occupied by G. P. Voorhies Esq., and hereby gives notice to his former scholars and to the public generally. Mr. Judice, as we have before said, has few superiors as a teacher, his qualifications in point of ability are too well known to be commented on, whilst his tact of discipline has secured the confidence of all the parents who have favored him with their patronage. Friend Alcée—we wish you success.

☞Should any of our planters have any surplus rice on hand, let them haul it to the firm of Delacroix & Lombard, New Iberia, agents for the Empire Parish Steam Rice Mill; these gentlemen of well known standing and mercantile experience, will furnish sacks gratis, and from New Iberia ship their rice at the low rate of twenty-five cents per barrel, to New Orleans.

THE OPELOUSAS, HOUSTON AND PACIFIC RAILROAD.—We have seen Mr. J. B. Price since his return from Texas, and he speaks in terms of confidence in regard to the early completion of the railroad between Houston and New Orleans. He thinks that capitalists are so thoroughly apprised of the importance of the road, and the profits it will pay, that other companies would immediately take it up, even if abandoned by Messrs. Price & Chouteau.

Besides, the attention which is now turned to this as the great southern route to the Pacific coast makes this enterprise still more important. The snows on the two upper lines of the Pacific Railroad are found to be terrible impediments in winter, and the lower route will be entirely free from this difficulty. Beyond a doubt, in from ten to twenty years the great highway between the Mississippi and the Pacific will be through Attakapas, and over this part of the Opelousas Railroad. —*Banner.*

☞It is said that "as the twig is bent the tree is inclined." Some young ladies will grow crooky if the Grecian bend prevails long.

☞The attention of the reader is called to the card of L. H. Gardner & Co., Dry Goods merchants, holding forth at Nos. 91, 93 & 95 Common Street, New Orleans. As the way lot a short time ago to visit the city for the purpose of purchasing dry goods; I was introduced by a well known friend to the owners and clerks of this new commercial firm; their frank and gentlemanly bearing will win custom from any one; behind the counter I found my esteemed friends Marion and Tatum; who does not know and appreciate them? I found them as usual ready and polite, dealing of such superior quality and at such low rates, that I was really amazed. Their goods cannot be surpassed in quality nor in moderate prices. L. H. Gardner and Co., cannot be excelled in any ways in the city, I will bet on that; Merchants give them a call and you'll find out that I am telling the truth.

[From the Houston Telegraph.]

Missouri Capitalists wish to Build the Texas and New Orleans Railroad.

THEIR PROPOSITION TO TEXAS MADE IN THIS CITY.

Yesterday we had a protracted interview with General Thomas L. Price and J. B. Price of St. Louis, the former, one of the company of Price, Chouteau and Co., lessees of the New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad to Texas. General Price has just closed a contingent lease—to be made final on the 24th of March, if prospects in this quarter are satisfactory—for the early completion and extension of the Orleans road from Brashear to the Texas line. General Price is managing Director and principal stockholder in the Kansas Union Pacific Railroad, now some four hundred miles west of Kansas City. This road has been transporting Texas beeves to eastern markets, that have been driven to Aberline and other stations on its track, three hundred miles north of Red River, at the rate of 48,000 cattle per month.

Impressed with the fact of the prospective importance of a rail route that would connect the whole projected system of roads now in Texas, with the entire system of Southern roads east of the Mississippi, receiving the tide of travel and traffic as a neck to an hour glass, through which would pour the concentrated commerce of the region east and the region west of the great dividing river; we say that General Price, first realizing on the Kansas Pacific the enormous value of the Texas beef trade alone, and upon subsequent inspection, having seen that the Opelousas Road would be the only connecting link between the Gulf States east, and this great Southwestern grain and beef region, he visits Texas, to learn what can be done to remove the rubbish on the track this side of the Sabine.

If the complications that now envelope this section of the road from Houston to Orange are adjusted, so that the whole route from New Orleans to Houston could be under one administration, and thus insure those who build the Louisiana end, that they could have certain connections with this city. General Price assured us that upon these facts being manifested to him he would close his contingent lease on the route in Louisiana, and prosecute the work to immediate completion to the Texas line.

So deeply interested was he in the route, that he has traveled from Brashear overland to this city, to inspect the topography of the line, and the present actual condition of the Texas end of the road.

He finds the embankments where thrown up, in better condition than expected; but all the ties rotten and worthless, and the road in the same condition as if nothing but the iron lay convenient for ultimate construction.

What can be done to reconcile, harmonize and remove the cloud of complications that envelope this Texas end of the road, so calculated to repel any effort upon the part of capitalists to embark in the work, either in Louisiana or Texas?

The case stands thus—that the bondholders and creditors, and all others interested in any manner with the Texas road, from this city to the Sabine, have a lifeless, and rotting and rusting apology for a railroad, that is not only utterly profitless, but unless capitalists from abroad come to the rescue, is an incubus on their hands, and a shameful ulcer on State enterprise.

What will these parties at interest do to induce General Price, or any representative of money to embark at once to vitalize, and repair, and complete the work from city to city?

We have heard this day several of our largest local bond-holders say that if General Price will take hold of the work, they will relinquish or extinguish their at present worthless bonds and stocks. Unfortunately most of the bonds are in the hands of non-residents and foreigners—can they be disposed of satisfactory to them.

We answer yes!

We will make our point as brief as possible. We assume as irrefutable that this road is the sole connecting link between the Texas system of roads and the whole system east of New Orleans, with the positive certainty of its being the coast link of the Southern Pacific connecting New Orleans with the International Pacific track at Austin and San Antonio. This route, we say, from Houton to New Orleans can carry first and second mortgage bonds of $20,000 each per mile, and pay the handsomest dividends of any road, without exception, on this continent. First mortgage bonds of $15,000 per mile, can be put in the market and complete the work, and the whole complications, now so seriously embarassing the work, can be disposed of, if the bond-holders of the old road, and all others legally interested, will consent to convert their now worthless interests and claims into second mortgage bonds, convertible into stock at some rate, say fifty per cent below their face value.

This we feel assured would, if presented by this city, and the deeply interested Central and Buffalo Bayou roads, to the bond holders and claimants abroad will find a prompt and cordial response on this hands.

Let these parties find the man and let that man at once act for our profoundly interested city, and those companies, whose freight and travel would be quadrupled in two years—and our city population largely augmented in the same time.

General Price has ninety days to close his lease contract, and will await the reply of Texas in that time.

We see the way clear. The best minds already concur with us. Will these three corporations or either of them act?

General Price was one of Lincoln's first Brigadier appointments, but was elected to Congress upon opening of hostilities. He was the acting Vice President of the late National Democratic Convention in New York, in July last. He is President of the California quicksilver mine, and as we have before stated, is managing director of the Kansas Union Pacific. His associate in this splendid projected enterprise to our city is C. P. Chouteau, of St Louis, son and successor of Pierie Chouteau, founder of the American Fur Company, and a millionaire. They are lessors and present operators of the Avery's Salt Island, on the surveyed line of this road. Their financial capacity is ample. They would supply Texas and the Gulf States with salt, and control the best paying road in the United States. They are willing, if we will remove the rubbish and clear the track, so they can see their way clear through to Houston from New Orleans.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for Houston and our interested roads and State to obtain the desired connection with the Mississippi river at New Orleans. Shall we lose this opportunity? Let the City Council lead at once in this matter

Since the above was in type, we learn from highest authority, that General Price and Colonel Price have agreed to cut the gordian knot of this unfortunate complication, and solve the whole difficulty by a master stroke, as credible to their sagacity and enterprise, as it will, if successful, be remarkably advantageous to Texas. At 5 P. M., yesterday, they dispatched to the Governor of Texas, as the representative of the State interest, that Price, Chouteau & Co., offer to lease the Texas end of the line on the same terms and time as they have already leased the Opelousas end; that they will construct the road at once, taking the whole work on their own hands, subject to all the encumbrances hanging over the road. If litigation is impending and inevitable between the State, the Gentry interest, and the first and second mortgages, Price, Chouteau & Co., are willing that any or all the parties at interest shall, after their legal interests are defined, then consolidate. And they will then negotiate with such parties to admit a perfect and fair consolidation to the extent of their declared and defined interest; said parties, on their part, recognizing the interest of Price, Chouteau & Co., to the extent of their actual expenditures upon the work.

This is an extraordinary offer, and we are glad to announce that acting President Roberts, representing the Gentry interest, has, by telegraph to Governor Pease, signified his concurrence in this arrangement. The interests of all parties are fully and amply protected in this proposition. Any ring combinations that will thwart, or attempt to thwart, this first vital hope for a Texas connection with New Orleans, will have to render a terrible accountability to the people of this State. Day dawns, and the sun will soon arise with healing on his wings.

The Peeler Cotton.

The Vicksburg Times, in alluding to this long staple, fine and silky textural cotton, which is now claiming the attention of planters and factors everywhere, says:

This improved variety of cotton has become so well known, and its merits so well established, as to render it certain of playing an important part in the commerce of the country. Its productiveness and length of staple make it valuable to both planters and spinners, and to retain these characteristics it is necessary that great care be taken of the seed, that it shall not deteriorate or get mixed with the common cotton. All persons interested in its growth ought to guard it sedulously against the frauds which will most likely be attempted, by unscrupulous dealers in cotton seed, who, if they succeed in palming off other seed for this, will certainly degrade it, and bring the genuine Peeler into much disrepute as to detroy, in a great measure, its real value.

In this behalf we make the following suggestions: Let those who buy the Peeler seed where there shall be the slightest room for doubt, require of the seller one or more certificates of genuineness, from neighbors or other well known responsible persons. And every sack shipped should be marked "Peeler cotton seed," to prevent exchanging and mistakes. Owners of the genuine seed, who desire to sell them, are interested in carrying out our suggestion not alone because of the apparently increased competition, but because the Peeler they would themselves grow would be damaged in reputation by the cotton grown from the fradulent seed—the latter going upon the market, perhaps, from responsible parties who had purchased the seed in good faith.

The whole country is deeply interested in keeping the Peeler cotton up to its present reputation. If it shall be kept up, it will add greatly to the profits of the cotton planting, and consequently to the wealth and prosperity of all who are any wise interested in the business of the country. By its successful growth, without deterioration in quality, we shall be able to compete with the celebrated long staple Egyptian cottons, and by getting a gin adapted to the preservation of its staple, it will supply the growing deficiency of the Sea Island cotton, which has fallen off in the quantity since the war fully one half. Therefore, we hope all will make it their business to do every thing in their power to keep the Peeler cotton up to its present standard.

We do not feel like closing this article without a tribute of praise to the originator of this splendid cotton. He is entitled to the gratitude of the whole country, for truly he is a public benefactor, and if we have been correctly informed, his reputation has not come of an accident, but of his care and perseverance. We trust that our country will furnish many enterprising, thoughtful and judicious men to emulate his noble example, and to reap his reward of fortune and reputation.

German Proverbs.

One has only to die to be praised.

Handsome apples are sometime sour.

It is not enough to aim—you must hit.

Little and often make a heap in time.

It is easier to blame than to do better.

Would you be strong, conquer yourself.

To change and to do better are two different things.

Everybody knows good counsel except him that hath need of it.

Better free in a foreign land than a serf at home.

Better go supperless to bed than run in debt.

There is no good in preaching to the hungry.

Charity gives itself rich, but covetousness hoards itself poor.

The end of wrath is the beginning of repentance.

The sun-dial only counts the bright hours.

Piety, prudence, wit and civility are the elements of true nobility.

God's mill goes slowly, but it grinds well.

High houses are mostly empty in the upper story.

A hundred years of wrong do not make an hour of right.

More are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.

The fewer the words the better the prayer.

With patience and time the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown.

Take the world as it is, not as it ought to be.

Revenge converts a little right into a great wrong.

Speak little, speak truth; spend little, pay cash.

Our neighbor's children are always the worst.

Forgive thyself nothing and others much.

Truth may be suppressed, but not strangled.

What comes from the heart goes to the heart.

When God means to punish a nation he deprives the rulers of wisdom.

He who blackens others does not whiten himself.

Take care of your plow and your plow will take care of you.

He who saves in little things can be liberal in great ones.

He who avoids small sins does not fall into large ones.

Gen. Thos. L. Price, and J. B. Price of this parish, cousin of the General lately traveled the entire distance, by land, from New Orleans to Houston, via New Iberia, Vermilionville, Lake Charles, Orange and Beaumont. Their object was to see the whole length of the route, the character of the country, and the present condition of the railroad between Houston and Orange. Gen. Price went to work like a business man, understandingly and promptly. He now knows what a contract to connect Houston and New Orleans, by a railroad means.—*Planters' Banner.*

A. L. TERTROU.
WITH
L. H. GARDNER & CO.
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
DRY GOODS,
NOS. 91, 93, AND 95 COMMON ST.
[ADJOINING CITY HOTEL.]
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
Jan. 23, '69.—3m.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Lafayette, } *Parish Court.*

WHEREAS Emanuel Antoine Dominguez of the parish of Lafayette has filed a petition in said Court praying to be appointed administrator of the succession of Jean Antoine Dominguez, deceased.

Any person intending to make opposition to said appointment will file the same in said Court in the town of Vermilionville, within ten days from the publication of this notice, otherwise said appointment will be made.

[L. S.] Given under my signature in said Court in the town of Vermilionville, this 18th day of January 1869.

A. MONNIER, Clerk.

FOR SALE.—An engine with boilers double flue, together with a Saw Mill, engine being twenty horse power.

Apply to, J. P. DRAKE.
Jan. 9th '69.

NOTICE—The Constable of the Town of Vermilionville, will offer for sale, at the Court House, to the last and lowest bidder, on Saturday the 30th day of January 1869, the contract for draining, bridging and keeping the streets of the town in thorough repair for one year from the 1st of February 1869.

The Conditions will be made known on the day of sale.

By order of the Mayor.
W. B. BAILEY, Secretary.

City Council of Vermilionville.

Session of January 16th 1869.

Members present: R. Dugat, President, B. A. Salles, Henry Landry, G. C. Salles. Absent: Ed. Pellerin.

On motion it was resolved, that the Collector proceed immediately to the collection of all taxes due the Corporation for the years 1866, 1867 and 1868 and also all Licenses due for 1868 and 1869.

On motion of B. A. Salles, it was resolved that a committee of three be and are hereby appointed to examine the streets of the town for the purpose of draining the same and report at the next meeting of the Council. The president appointed Messrs. G. C. Salles, H. Landry and F. Martin on said committee.

On motion the Council adjourned to Wednesday the 20th inst., at 3 P. M.

W. B. BAILEY, Secretary. R. DUGAT, President.

Session of Jan. 20, 1869.

Pursuant to adjournment the City Council met on this 20th day of January 1869.

Present: R. Dugat, President; B. A. Salles, H. Landry and G. C. Salles. Absent: E. Pellerin.

On motion it was resolved, that persons residing within the limits of the Corporation and having hedges growing near the street, so as to obstruct the sidewalk in any way, are hereby notified to trim the said hedges, within the ten days next following the publication of this resolution; otherwise the same will be trimmed at their expense.

On motion it was resolved, that all persons are hereby notified and forbidden not to obstruct the side walks in any manner, under penalty of a fine not less than five dollars; to be recovered before any court of competant jurisdiction.

On motion the Council adjourned.

WM. B. BAILEY, Secretary. R. DUGAT, President.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

Gall & Co, vs. Francis E. Piquette, } No. 2876. District Court Parish of Lafayette.

BY virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa. issued in the above entitled suit by the District Court in and for the Parish of Lafayette, and State aforesaid, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House of said Parish, on,

Saturday the 6th of February 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. FOR CASH, all the right, title, interest and demand of F. E. Piequette, the defendant in and to the following property seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

1 Hack and harness, 1 Carriage and harness, 1 Buggy and harness, 40 head of Cattle, 16 head of horses, creole and american, The stock of Hogs.

GIRARD LANDRY, Sheriff.
Jan. 23, '69.

PUBLIC SALE.

Succession of Severin Hébert, deceased.

BY virtue of an order from the Hon. Parish Court in and for the parish of Lafayette and State aforesaid, there will be offered at public sale, on

Tuesday the 23rd day of February 1869. to the last and highest bidder, on the Plantation of the deceased, the following property, to-wit:

One tract of land in the Parish of Lafayette, being the W. ½ of S. ½ of S. E. ¼ Section 36 Township, 8 S. R. 3 E containing 63 70/100 acres.

Another tract of land 6 by 20, bounded by lands of Gideon Richard, Neuville Broussard and Zenon Broussard.

Dwelling House—Kitchen—Cotton house—Corn crib—Fencing—Work Oxen—Cows and Calves—Horses and Mares—Hogs—Ox-cart and horse cart—Ploughs and Harrows—Tools—Household Furniture and kitchen utensils—Corn—Cotton in the seed—One Gun—One rifle.

Terms & Conditions:—All sums of five dollars and under CASH on the spot. All sums over that amount on a credit of one, two and three years from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing their notes with two or more good and solvent securities *in solido*, to the satisfaction of the parties interested, notes to bear eight per cent interest per annum from maturity until paid, and to be payable to the order and at the domicil of the administrator. Property susceptible of mortgage remaining specially hypothecated with vendor's privilege in favor of said succession until the purchase price and interest if any, shall have been paid. No purchaser of moveable property shall have the right to dispose of the same until paid for otherwise the whole amount of the purchase price will become due immediately.

A. MONNIER, Clerk.
Jan. 23, '69.

POLICE JURY.

Special Meeting, Jan. 9th 1869.

Members present: P. S. Arceneaux President, and Messrs. Guidry, Landry, Blanc and Hebert; Absent: Messrs. Lemier and Broussard.

Messrs. R. C. Landry and R. Landry members elect for the 5th and 7th respectively, being duly sworn, took their seats.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That the collector is authorized to pay A. J. Godard's account out of money disbursed.

On motion, R. C. Landry was appointed on the Auditing Committee, in place of M. E. Girard resigned.

Resolved unanimously, that the amount of the Parish taxes to be assessed for the year 1868, is hereby fixed at $4000.

Resolved, That the President is authorized to build a bridge on the line between Aymar Mouton, P. S., and Hypolite Broussard.

On motion the Police Jury adjourned.

ED. PELLERIN, Clerk pro. tem. P. S. ARCENEAUX, President.

E. A. ROSE,
SUCCESSOR OF
LEE & YOUNG
DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY
Dealer in Paints, Oils, Window Glass, Books, Stationery, Fancy articles, Garden seed, &c., &c.
Vermilionville, La.
January 9th 1869.

PUBLIC SALE.

Succession of Michel Adrien Richard deceased.

BY virtue of an order emanating from the Hon. Court of the Parish of Lafayette, the public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale to the highest and last bidder, by a commissioned officer, at the last residence of said deceased, in this Parish, on *Saturday the 13th day of February* 1869 the following property belonging to the above named succession, to-wit:

One tract of wood land in this parish on the East side of Bayou Vermilion, one half of an arpent front by a depth of forty more or less being that purchased by deceased of Emilien Theriot as per act No. 1042.

One kitchen—One corn crib—Horse cart—Waggon and harness—Ploughs—Cotton house—Grist mill—Pasture Planks—Potato house—Hen house—Ploughs—Harness—Troughs—Pickets 1269 pannels fencing—Buggy and harness—Cows and calves—Hogs—Sugar cane for seed—Horses, mares and mules—Household furniture and kitchen utensils—Tools and posts—Sundries &c., &c.

Terms and Conditions:—All sums of ten dollars and under CASH. All sums over that amount on a credit of One Two and Three years from the day of sale, purchasers furnishing their notes with two solvent securities *in solido* to the satisfaction of the administratrix and parties interested, conditioned be bear interest at the rate of eight per cent from maturity paid—The property susceptible of mortgage, remaining specially mortgaged in favor of said succession until purchase price and interest, if any, shall have been paid. No purchaser of moveable property shall have the right of dispose of the same until paid for, otherwise the whole amount of the purchase price will become due and payable.

A. MONNIER, Clerk.
Jan. 7th '69.

Public Sale.

Succession of J. B. Kennedy, deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. Court of the Parish of Lafayette, there will be sold to the last and highest bidder, FOR CASH, the property moveable and immoveable of the succession of John B. Kennedy, viz:

The tract of prairie land, the residence of deceased, near Vermilionville, Two hundred arpents, with complete improvements; bounded North by Antoine Dominguez, East by land of Mrs. Clark Mouton and others, South by land of W. G. Mills, West by land of Olivier Boudreau and others.

Tract of Sixty-five arpents of Prairie Sorrel in this Parish.

About Eighty head of Cattle—Cows and Calves, Creole and American Horses, Ox Wagon, Oxen, Horse Cart, Farming Utensils, Hogs, Sheep, Household Furniture, &c., &c.

The Sale to take place through a competent officer, at the last residence of deceased, *on Thursday 4th February* 1869 and by virtue of decree of Court of the 7th of December 1868.

A. MONNIER, Clerk.
Jan. 2, '69.

NOTICE, TAX PAYERS.

BY virtue of law, the tax payers of the Parish of Lafayette are hereby informed that I am now ready to receive at my office, in the town of Vermilionville, the tax of one per cent upon the cash assessed value of the moveable and immoveable property of the State, according to the assessment rolls for the year 1867.

GERARD LANDRY, Tax Collector.
Oct. 31st 1868.