

THE PATRIOT.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE PARISH OF SAINT LANDRY. Biddy Maloney's Cat.

[From the San Francisco Wide West.] Matthew Maloney, better known by the boys at the mill as "Father Mat," on returning from work one evening, was met at the gate by Biddy, his better half, in a high state of excitement. "Mat," says she, "there's a strange cat in the cabin."

"Cat her out, thin, an' don't be botherin' me about the bast," says she. "Faix, an' I've been shavin' to do that rascal for the matter of tin mints past, but she's jest bint my rache, behind the big rid chist in the corner. Will yez be after helpin' me drive her out, Mat?"

"To be sure I will, bad luck to the consate she has for me house; show her to me, Biddy, till I teach her the rascal that's due a man in his own house—to be takin' possession widout as much as yer lave, the thaf o' the world!"

"Now Mat had a special antipathy for cats, and never let pass an opportunity to kill one. This he resolved to do in the present case, and instantly formed a plan for the purpose. Perceiving but one mode of egress for the animal, he says to Biddy—

"Have yez ever a male bag in the house, mo darlin'?" "Divil a wan is there, Mat. Yez tuk it to the mid waz yer to bring home chips wid, this mornin'?" "Faix, an' I did, and there it is yit, thin. Well have yez nothin' at all in the house that will tie up like a bag, Biddy?"

"Troth, an' I have Mat; there's me Sunday plittions—ye can draw the strings close at the top an' sure it will do better nor lettin' the cat be lavin' yez."

"Biddy, darlin', yez a jewel to be thinkin' o' that same; be after bringin' it to me." Biddy brought the garment, and when the strings were drawn close it made a very good substitute for the meal bag, and Mat declared it was "flegant."

So holding it close against the edge of the chest he took a look behind and saw a pair of bright eyes glaring at him. "An' is it there, yez, ye divil? Be avin' o' that now; bad luck to all yer kin, yez thavin' vagabone ye. Bedad, an' ye won't lave me house at all wid perillee axin'! Yez self-will bates a pig's intirely. Biddy, have yez any hot watter in the house?"

COPARTNERSHIPS, ETC.

GENIN, POIRET & CO.—The undersigned, having formed a copartnership for the purpose of transacting a large Mercantile Business in this place, respectfully solicit the attention of their friends and the public in general to their large and well selected stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Clothing, etc. etc.

A Party of Esquimaux. The following is a description of a party of Esquimaux that visited Dr. Kane during his expedition, and of whose existence in that region Dr. was not before aware:

"They came in sledges drawn by fine large dogs, evidently of a very superior breed; these dogs would make journeys of sixty miles a day for several weeks, carrying a single man, and in some instances two men behind them. The sledges were curiously formed; some were made of hundreds of pieces of bone lashed together with strings made of oisack, a large seal. A few of them were made of wood. There can not be a doubt but that these Esquimaux are a more civilized men than the Esquimaux. To be sure they have their pieces of iron in their harpoons, but even their lance are formed of the sharpened horns of the unicorn. In many respects these people present the lowest form of humanity. Their notions of religion are exceedingly crude, and resemble that described by Parry in his voyages as belonging to the Labrador Esquimaux. They are grossly filthy in their habits, and indulge in considerable indulgence of the sexes. They have marriage rules and regulations which are very singular and apparently are derived from various traditions. In this they also resemble the Esquimaux described by Parry. They are utterly regardless of all honor except in a very few instances, in which cases they appear to be anxious to obtain articles of useful value. They are incorrigible thieves, revoltingly filthy in their persons and habitations, and live as much on raw as on cooked flesh, while they eat voraciously and enormously. What chance they have of Heaven is a question for theologians; they appear to be happy and good natured in their way, but it seems they are gradually dying out. Their principal support is the walrus, the bear, and the ank (a small bird that breeds in the Arctic regions); occasionally they catch seals, unicorns, and sometimes even, though rarely, white whales. All their fishing has to be carried on in the cracks of the ice. They have a sickly suspicion of a beard, which distinguishes them from the Labrador Esquimaux, and they are generally smaller, though there are among them some remarkably fine specimens of savages. The race seems to be decaying and disappearing; it is supposed that there are not more than a hundred of them from Cape York to Littleton Island, some five or six hundred miles."

Free Love in New York. O. J. Victor, of the Sandusky Register, has been on a visit to New York, and has witnessed many dreadful and shocking things. In the course of his investigations he attended a Free Love Meeting. Hear him for his cause:

On Broadway is a room occupying the whole fourth story of a large building, where gather the professors and disciples of the Free Lovers. These persons abrogate the marriage laws, and deny their binding force. They propose, as the only true marriage, that persons of both sexes shall come together from "affinities"—that is, they will live together as man and wife when their spiritual nature assures them that they are fitted for one another, and shall live only together as long as their natures are "harmonious"—when this harmony ceases, the parties are at liberty to choose other associates, and bed and board with other of the opposite sex if they please. This is the sum and substance of the whole institution; regard it as they may, and its fruits may be easily guessed.

We entered the room at 8 o'clock. At one end of the large saloon was an ante-chamber, carpeted nicely and fitted up with sofas, tables, etc. A company of men and women, including several persons whose names would not look well in print, but who ought to be known nevertheless, were gathered around a table, reciting French to Professor Batchelor, the somewhat noted French Socialist, and conjugal mate of Albert Brisbane, and Stephen Pearl Andrews. After a short time the lessons were over, when commenced the usual hilarity of the evening. The attendance became constantly greater—chiefly of young men and women. The exercises—the men clasping the women around the waist, and talking apart in low tones. This was in the earnest the "assimilation of soul," so beautifully set forth by these impracticable abstractionists, and it was in earnest of such a sin as this pen cannot record without a sense of humiliation for poor, perverse human nature.

LADIES' SHOE STORE.—MRS. A. MILLSPAUGH, Washington, La. has now on hand a large assortment of Ladies' and Children's Shoes, consisting of Gaiters, Buskins, Ties, Slippers, white kid and satin Boots, Slippers, etc. An assortment of Ladies' Corsets, Toilet Slippers, Perfumery, Toilet articles, Hyde & Goodrich's Needles, Guller and Piano Strings, Music, etc.

FRESH DRUGS.—P. LEONCE HERBARD & Co. have just received an assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Glassware, Varnish, Patent Medicines, Cypripommes (new style), etc. which they will offer for sale cheap at the usual terms. May 12.

CAUTION.—Lottery Frauds.—Office of the Maryland Consolidated Lotteries, Baltimore, Md. June 29, 1855.—The Commissioner of the Maryland State Lotteries has deemed it his duty to caution the public against the numerous swindlers who circulate, by mail and otherwise, fraudulent lottery schemes, and pretends to be agents for the sale of tickets in lotteries which are wholly fictitious. The only legal lotteries in Maryland are those drawn daily under the superintendence of the Commissioner, and conducted by the agents of the same, under the Constitution, to examine and approve the schemes and attend to the drawings. All the tickets in these lotteries, and all certificates of packages of tickets, have the lithographed signature of F. X. BRENNAN, general agent for the contractor, office of the Maryland Consolidated Lotteries, Baltimore, Md. All others are fraudulent.

Any information on the subject of lotteries, the manner in which they are drawn, etc., will be cheerfully given by addressing F. X. BRENNAN, Baltimore, Maryland.

EDUCATION.

OPELOUSAS ACADEMY.—This institution occupies the buildings erected for the College of Franklin, at the distance of about half a mile from the village of Opelousas. The plan of instruction pursued at this Institution embraces four distinct courses which may be pursued separately or conjointly, viz:

A LIBRARY COURSE, including Geography, Spelling, Writing, Grammar, Composition, History, Rhetoric and Eloquence; A MATHEMATICAL COURSE, including Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, with their application to Mensuration, Surveying and Civil Engineering.

A SCIENTIFIC COURSE, including Geography, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Chemistry, Botany, Natural History, Intellectual Philosophy and Political Economy.

A CLASSICAL COURSE, including such a knowledge of the Latin and Greek authors as is required to admit a young man to the Freshman class in any college.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Academic year commences on the last Monday in October, and continues forty-four weeks. All engagements are regarded by the year, without special arrangements to the contrary, and payment is required quarterly in advance. All directions with regard to pupils must be given to the Principal by the parents or guardians personally, or by letter, and accompanied by a boarding check. Boarders are required to furnish their own bed and bedding, and to have all their articles of clothing plainly marked.

OCEAN SPRINGS FEMALE SCHOOL.—This institution is under the management and control of the Rev. JAMES O. JONES, D. D., in successful operation at the Shortridge Place, in charge of Miss Sarah Whitwell, Principal in said school. The various branches of an English school are taught, tuition is low, and boarding cheap in the neighborhood. Miss Whitwell comes to us well recommended as a pious scholar and an excellent teacher, every way worthy of our patronage and support. Parents of our children, and support this school while you have a good one.

OPELOUSAS FEMALE ACADEMY.—Mr. and Mrs. HOY, with the assistance of Miss Hoy and Miss de St. Ange, will open on the 12th of March, in the Town of Opelousas, a first class school for the instruction of young ladies in all the branches of a Female Education will be taught. They are prepared to give thorough instruction in the English, French, Italian and German Languages, also Music Lessons on the Piano and Guitar, Drawing, Painting, Transferring, French Embroidery in Silk, Chenille and Worsted, Plain Needle-work, Calculations, Deportment, Dancing and Equitation.

SITUATION AS TEACHER WANTED.—A Lady, who has had several years' experience in teaching, desires a situation as English teacher in school or family, either in city or country. Satisfaction guaranteed. For particulars, address Editors of the Patriot.

STEARNS RAILROAD.—Steamer Southern Star... New Orleans to Franklin... Through by daylight... The elegant and swift low pressure steamer SOUTHERN STAR will commence running from the terminus of the Opelousas Railroad, Tigerville, to Franklin, on or about the 15th of October, for the transportation of passengers and light freight, about ten daily trips in connection with the passenger trains.

FAIR WARNING!! \$500! ALL TAX-PAYERS who have failed to pay their Parish Tax for 1854 are hereby notified that the undersigned is causing to be served on each the written notice required by law, and that, thirty days thereafter, he will seize and sell the property of each delinquent for the payment of said tax, and the costs of sale. For the next thirty days (Sundays excepted) he will be found in Opelousas, at the office of P. & E. N. CULLOM, ELBERT GANTT, Collector. Opelousas, May 20, 1855.

RAILROAD TAXES, 1854.—Notice is hereby given to all persons in the Parish of St. Landry, who have not paid their Railroad Tax for the year 1854, that unless the same shall be paid to the collector, said Tax within thirty days from the publication of this notice, the several amounts due by them will be placed in the hands of the Parish Attorney for immediate collection. By order of the Police Jury, St. Landry, GUY H. BELL, Clerk.

DRUG STORE.—The undersigned have the honor to inform the public that they have just received, at their Drug Store, corner of Market and Bellevue streets, Opelousas, a fresh assortment of DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, PAINTS, etc., which they offer for sale at the most reasonable prices. They have always on hand PATENT MEDICINES of all kinds, and all articles pertaining to their line of business. Any person who desires the services of an experienced and careful Druggist, who will attend Night and Day on the calls of families and of the profession. P. LEONCE HERBARD & CO. Office, at the late residence of Miss Marguerite Chretien, in Opelousas.

DENTIST.—DR. PILATE offers his services as a Dentist to the public of St. Landry. All his works in plugging and inserting Artificial Teeth are warranted, and performed by the latest and most approved Office, at the late residence of Miss Marguerite Chretien, in Opelousas.

40,000 SHINGLES, Six and Nine Feet, PINE, WELL CURRIED, and BARREL-HEADING, of best Cypress timber, for sale by JONATHAN HARRIS, at his residence in Opelousas.

PENMANSHIP.

MR. DOLBEAR, from his Academy in New Orleans, will give ONE COURSE OF LESSONS IN WRITING, in the town of Washington, to begin on WEDNESDAY next, 7th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

TESTIMONIALS: From the Rev. Bishop Otey, who witnessed my teaching in the Columbia Female Institute and several other classes. COLUMBIA, TENN., Nov. 20, 1843.

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Having been invited by Messrs. Dolbear and Brothers to be the teacher of Penmanship in this city, we have carefully examined their system, and the specimens of improvement made by their pupils, and feel entirely satisfied to say that the system is scientific and much superior to any other we have seen—that the improvement of their pupils is very rapid, and we therefore take pleasure in recommending them to the favorable attention of the public. MAJ. GEN. E. P. GAINES, U. S. Army. G. W. MARVIN, JAMES O. JONES, Gov. Tenn. DR. REV. J. H. OTTEY, Bishop of Tennessee. DR. REV. R. P. MILES, Bishop of Nashville. REV. PHILIP LINDSEY, D. D. Pres. of Nashville. REV. JOHN T. EDGAR, D. D. HON. E. H. FOSTER. HON. JOHN BELLE. HON. J. B. HAYNES, Secy. of State. REV. D. R. CAMPBELL. REV. R. B. C. HOWELL. REV. W. H. WINSTON. Wm. H. HARRIS, Secy. of State. DR. CHAS. K. SMITH, Rector of Columbia Female Institute.

FOR SALE... FOR RENT: LAND AND RESIDENCE FOR SALE. The subscriber offers for sale on very liberal terms the place on which he now resides, situated about one mile from the village of Bayou Boeuf, and well suited as a summer residence for a bayou planter, or for the home of a small farmer. There are about 180 acres of land in the tract, with 100 acres cleared, a good Dwelling, with a large bayou planter, and a well, giving an abundant supply of most excellent water. There is also a small Peach Orchard, with shade and ornamental trees, upon the premises, which are in a good state of cultivation. For terms, apply to Lambert & Slocum, in the village, or to GILBERT VANEMBURG, Bayou Boeuf, October 6, 1855.

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SALES AT AUCTION.

PUBLIC SALE—Will Be Sold, through the ministry of a Public Auctioneer, on TUESDAY, Nov. 12, 1855, on the premises, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Sarah Annan, widow of John McClelland: One cow.

TRACT OF LAND, being situated and lying in Robert's Cove, in this Parish, containing about three hundred and two arpents, bounded north by Bayou Plaquemine, north by public road, east and west by lands of Albert McClelland.

48 head of GRAY HORNS CATTLE; 1 Creole HORSE, and many other articles of property, too numerous to mention. Terms and conditions will be made known on the day of sale. Parish of St. Landry, October 15, 1855. J. McCLELLAND, Administrator.

SUCCESSION SALE—I will offer for sale, WEDNESDAY, Nov. 14, 1855, at the residence of Edward Stapleton, situated on Bayou Boeuf, by the ministry of a Public Auctioneer, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Dudley Rutledge, late of said Parish, deceased, to wit: The PLANTATION on which said deceased last resided, situated on Petite Prairie Bayou, in said Parish, bounded north by lands belonging to the estate of David Mamford, and by lands of James M. Bell, west by lands of Joseph and John Bell, and east the Public Domain, containing in all eighty acres.

Terms and Conditions.—One hundred and twenty five dollars of the purchase money payable in cash, and the balance of the purchase money payable in three equal annual installments, from the day of sale, with 8 per cent. interest from maturity until finally paid. And said property containing especially mortgaged said estate until full and entire payment of principal and interest. Parish of St. Landry, October 13, 1855. HENRY S. DUNBAR, Auctioneer.

SUCCESSION SALE—I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest and last bidder, through the ministry of a Public Auctioneer, on SATURDAY, Nov. 18, 1855, at the late residence of Andre Daboute, deceased situated in the Grande Prairie, near Ville Platte, in this Parish, the following described property, belonging to the estate of said deceased, to wit: A TRACT OF LAND, situated in Prairie Macon, in the Parish of St. Landry, containing about one hundred acre, lying in the neighborhood of Joseph Tate & Co.

Also, a negro boy named FLEM, aged about fifty years; 3 Mules; 10 head of Sheep; 9 Creole and American Horses; 7 Work Oxen; 2 Ox Cart; About 70 head of Vacherie Horned Cattle; About 100 head of Vacherie Horned Cattle; About 25 head of Horses; One lot of Hogs; one lot of Cows; The crop of CORN and COTTON now in the field.

Also, many other articles of property, too numerous to mention. Terms and Conditions.—The purchase money payable as follows: one-half on the 1st day of April next, 1856, and the other half on the 1st day of April ensuing, 1857, purchasers giving personal security, and bonds and also remaining specially mortgaged to said estate until full and entire payment of purchase money and the interest which may accrue thereon; and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear eight per cent. from maturity until finally settled. Parish of St. Landry, Oct. 13, 1855. J. H. B. SOLEAU, Deceased Testamentary Executor.

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I. O. O. F.—PRAIRIE LODGE No. 37 meets at Washington every Saturday night at 7 o'clock. T. C. ANDERSON, N. G.; JOHN S. HOWE, V. G.; KEVIN McCLELLAND, Secretary; James Moore, Treasurer; A. Mills-paugh, T. S. The Order respectfully invited to attend.

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