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TERMS.

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In Saratoga county, New York, the first Temperance society of this country was organized in the year 1818.

The *Leslie Taylor*, a steamboat heretofore running in the Opelousas trade, was destroyed by the explosion of her boilers last week. She was owned by Tom Anderson of the once famous Returning Board.

A Louisiana man has had three wives in four years. He traded one for a farm, another for a pair of horses, and the third for a mule. He is only forty years old, and expects to stock his farm entirely if he has good luck.—*Courier-Jour.*

The human body consists of 240 bones, 9 kind of articulations or joinings, 190 cartilages and ligaments, 400 muscles and tendons, 100 nerves, besides blood, arteries, veins, glands, stomach, intestines, lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, lymphatics, lacteals, and three skins.

When *Empress Eugenie* visited Queen Victoria first after her flight from France she threw herself in the Queen's arms and cried, amid tears and sobs, "Oh! it was all my fault—Louis did not want the war—but I would have it!" The Prince of Wales felt so touched by her grief that he had to leave the room.

Gordon and Conkling are pacified, and in despite of the former's emphatic assertion, "No sir, we will settle it here," the matter was terminated on the very spot where it originated by a mutual take-back shake-hands, and the unanimous passage of a pacificatory and conciliatory resolution. Thus the expectant public are disappointed, as the facts disclose that the affair between Gordon and Conkling ended, as it began in too much gas.

CUBA.

The Cuban situation appears to be unchanged, so far at least as a final settlement of difficulties is concerned. The insurgent, and the authority of the parent government is still confined to restricted limits. It seems, however that the powers of "Captain-General Jovellar" have been enlarged by a decree from Madrid, with a view of strengthening the royal prerogatives and restricting the authority of the reorganized courts of the island, including that of the supreme court-martial. Meanwhile both the loyal and disloyal portions of the island are suffering from a long continued state of warfare. To neither has the silver lining of the cloud as yet appeared.—*Item.*

On Dangerous Ground.

If the silver dollar dispute shall pass the strict bounds that ought to limit it, and expand into a reinvestigation of the whole subject of the public indebtedness—how it was contracted, how much real money it represents, what it was payable in original, and what it is being paid in now—the Eastern creditor class will have none but themselves to upbraid for it. There are some signs perceptible already of the dispute drifting into this dangerous realm. Senator Hereford of West Virginia remained the senate last Friday that the public debt was originally payable in lawful money, or greenbacks, as all other debts contracted during the war were; that Thaddeus Stevens, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, expressly declared this when he reported the bills for the issue of the bonds, and that Secretary Sherman himself, in a letter written in 1868, avowed the same thing. Yet a Republican congress in 1869 enacted that the public debt should be payable in coin, although at that time coin was worth 35 per cent. more than lawful money, or greenbacks, and from that day to this the semi-annual interest on the bonds has been paid in coin and gold coin at that.

These facts are old; they are part of the financial history of the country and have been repeatedly mentioned. It were better that they be permitted to pass out the arena of active politics into the silence of history, for, to bring them up, now will surely inflame the public temper, already betraying symptoms of impatience at the attempt to make all indebtedness payable in gold, and impart to the present controversy elements that were better left out. The Eastern creditor classes are doing their unjust cause no good when they denounce the people and their congress as repudiators and knaves for insisting that the United States bonds shall be paid at the rate of one hundred cents on the dollar, and no more; and Mr. Hayes and Secretary Sherman are not wisely defending the public credit when they imply that a just and righteous popular demand will destroy it. The very least that the minority can do in this matter is to concede that the majority are as honest as themselves that the people who are to pay the public debt are as effective custodians of the public credit as the bond-holders to whom the debt is paid.—*Republican.*

ENGLAND AND THE EAST.

The public mind of England appears to be quite a feverish state of excitement touching affairs in the East, and with a view of toning down this feeling into the temperance of a sober second thought the Thunderer counsels moderation. Touching the approaching meeting of Parliament and the necessity of convoking that body, it observes that "no course can be more reasonable and obvious than that at this juncture the government should desire to consult with Parliament as soon as it can without necessary inconvenience, whether they contemplate interference or mediation, or simply means of securing a good position in the final settlement of the question. They can not but feel the need of Parliamentary support, as soon as Parliament is called together." It is further urged that the nation should have an opportunity of weighing the questions at issue in all their bearings, and of adopting that course which prudence, public interests and the national honor demand. Per contra, the *Globe* which may be regarded as a genuine exponent of public opinion in

Russia, observes in view of the early assembling of the British Parliament that Russia may wait without anxiety the result of this political episode and quietly continue the work she has begun in the arduous conviction that British intrigue will in no way hinder the triumph of Russia.—*City Item.*

It is said that the anti-administration Republicans are so elated over their defeat of the New York appointments that they are preparing to demand the removal of Mr. Everts and Mr. Schurz from the cabinet, and the substitution of persons in sympathy with themselves in their places. If this be true, it opens a new and interesting perspective in party relations at Washington. It is stated that the drift of feeling among Republicans is in favor of Conkling, who comes out of the contest as the special antagonist of Mr. Hayes, and that the administration influence has been growing weaker ever since its defeat. It would not be surprising, then, if the victors were to conclude to go further than they contemplated. Their first assault on the administration has been unexpectedly successful; what is to prevent them from sending in a demand for its surrender? To displace Everts and Schurz would be equivalent to a surrender; for, of course, it would be followed by an adoption of the policy dictated by the party chiefs. Conkling would be master of the situation, and Mr. Hayes would be a reconstructed and submissive penitent.

An old darkey, fishing on a wharf at Galveston, was heard talking to the he saw swimming around his line in this fashion: "Gem, me a bite, honey. De children an crying down to my house and I can tell you 'is fish or nuffin' in dat establishment."

What agonies must the poet have endured, who writing of his love, asserted that he "kissed her under the silent stars," and found the compositor had made him declare that he "kicked her under the cellar stairs."

THE SUN.

1878. NEW YORK, 1878.

As the time approaches for the renewal of subscriptions, The Sun would remind its many friends and well-wishers everywhere that it is again a candidate for their consideration and support. Upon its record for the past ten years it relies for a continuance of the hearty sympathy and generous co-operation which have hitherto been extended to it from every quarter of the globe.

The Daily Sun is a four-page-sheet of 28 columns, price by mail, post paid, 55 cents a month, or \$6 50 per year.

The Sunday edition of the Sun is an eight-page-sheet of 56 columns. While giving the news of the day, it also contains a large amount of literary and miscellaneous matter specially prepared for it. The Sunday Sun has not with great success. Post paid, one dollar and twenty cents a year.

Who does not know the Weekly Sun? It circulates throughout the United States, the Canadas, and beyond. Ninety thousand families greet its welcome every week, and regard it in the light of guide, counselor, and friend. Its news, editorial, agricultural, and literary department make it essentially a journal for the family and the friends. Terms: One Dollar a year, post paid. This price, quality considered, makes it the cheapest newspaper published. For clubs of ten, with ten dollars cash, we will send an extra copy free. Address Publisher of the SUN, New York City.

Notice.

Succession of Elijah Ewing.

All persons indebted to the above succession will please come forward and settle the same, those having claims against said succession will present them duly authenticated.

EMELINE EWING,
Naturalatrix.
Oct. 20th 1877.

Parish Warrants
FOR SALE
F. R. KING.
Nov. 10-77.

LOST.—Two promissory notes drawn by Leon Broussard, payable to the undersigned, dated respectively November 18th 1870, each for two hundred dollars; one due in three and the other in four years from date thereof with eight per cent interest from maturity.
P. ARVILLEN BROUSSARD,
Dec. 1st '77.

JUDICIAL NOTICES.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Vermilion—Parish Court—No. 583.

Succession of Louise C. Lods. Application of Aline Gastal and Pierre A. Ourblin.

Whereas said applicants have filed in the office of the clerk of said court, a petition praying to be appointed administrators of the aforesaid succession:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the aforesaid succession, or having any opposition to make thereto, to file the same in writing in the office of the Clerk of Court, at the Courthouse at Abbeville within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my official signature, at office, this 29th day of December 1877
LASTIE BROUSSARD,
Clerk.

STATE of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—Parish Court—No. 505.

Succession of Claire Bell.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the succession, or having any opposition to make to the tableau of classification of debts and charges and provisional partition in the said succession, to file the same in writing, in the office of the Clerk of Court within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of December 1877.
LASTIE BROUSSARD,
Clerk.

STATE of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—Parish Court—No. 177.

Succession of Frederiek Touchet.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in said succession, or having any opposition to make to the tableau of charges and partition in the aforesaid succession, to file the same in writing, in the office of the clerk of court within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and official signature, this 15th day of December 1877.
LASTIE BROUSSARD, clerk.

STATE of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—Parish Court—No. 548.

Succession of F. E. Dartez.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the tableau of classification of debts and charges with partition and settlement in the aforesaid succession, to file the same in writing, in the office of the Clerk of Court within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of December 1877.
LASTIE BROUSSARD clerk.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Vermilion,
Parish Court,
No. 581.

Succession of Stephen H. Hall. Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the succession of Stephen H. Hall or having any opposition to the application of Robert P. O'Bryan to be appointed Curator of the said succession to file the same in writing in the office of the clerk of Court at the court house in ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of December 1877.
LASTIE BROUSSARD, Clerk.

STATE of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—Parish Court—No. 483.

Succession of Louis Desrombeaux

Whereas the administrator of said succession has filed in the office of the clerk of said court a tableau of classification of debts and charges and partition and settlement of the aforesaid succession, with a petition praying that after the legal notice and delays have elapsed, the said tableau be homologated in conformity to law:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, or those interested therein, to make opposition, and also to give their reasons, if any they have, why said petitioner's prayer should not be granted by filing the same in writing in the office of the clerk of court within ten days from the date of the present notice.

Given under my official signature and seal of court this 1st day of December 1877.
LASTIE BROUSSARD, Clerk.

Probate Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Vermilion,
Parish Court,
No. 473.

Succession of Daniel O'Bryan.

By virtue of an order of sale granted in the matters of the above succession, there will be offered for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Courthouse door of this parish, on

SATURDAY, THE 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 1878,

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

Lots Nos. 1 and 2 of T. 12, SR. 4 E., containing 123 acres.

The SE 1/4 Sec. 24, T. 11, SR 3 W., containing 192 50/100 arpents.

The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 33, in township 12, south range 2 east, containing 40 acres.

The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 14, south range 2 east, containing 40 9/100 acres.

The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, section 34, in township 11, south range 2 east, containing 40 9/100 acres.

The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, section 34, in township 11, south range 2 east, containing 40 9/100 acres.

The undivided interest of the succession, being the portion formerly belonging to Eugene Leblanc in and to a certain tract of cypress swamp, at cypress point, in this parish; said undivided interest contains about eight acres.

The undivided half interest in a certain tract of land, situated in this parish, bounded above by Wise & Bartels, below by Mrs. C. L. Rice, in front by bayou Vermilion and in the rear by C. L. Rice, said tract containing 1175 acres, more or less.

TERMS:

One third of the purchase price to be paid cash on the day of sale, and the remainder on a credit of one, two and three years from the day of sale; purchasers to furnish their notes with good and solvent sureties, in solido, to the satisfaction of Mrs. M. A. Perry, Naturalatrix, and payable to her order, at the law office of Robert P. O'Bryan, Esq., in the town of Abbeville, (La.) and conditioned to draw eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until paid; and the lands sold to be and remain specially mortgaged and hypothecated with vendor's privilege retained in favor of said succession, which property shall not be alienated or encumbered by the purchasers to the prejudice of said succession until full and final payment of the principal, interest and costs if any should occur.

Given under my official signature at office, this 15th day of December 1877.

G. B. SHAW, Sheriff.

C. H. MOYON, CONRAD DEBAILLO

Mouton & DeBaillon
Avocats,
Vermilionville, Louisiana

Special Meeting

December 15, 1877.

The Board of Town Council of Abbeville, met at the Courthouse, on this day pursuant to adjourn-

ment. Members present: Leonce Perret, mayor; aldermen Wise, Broussard and Abadie. Absent: J. Boyanec.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting were dispensed with. Proposals for the keeping of the Abbeville bridge for the unexpired term of A. W. Badon, dec'd were presented and read to the Council.

Whereupon after due consideration by the Council of different proposals, the proposal of Geo. E. Lyons was accepted, and ordered spread on the minutes and published:

PROPOSAL.—To the Honorable Mayor and members of the Town Council of Abbeville:

I the undersigned do by these presents submit this my proposal to keep the Abbeville draw bridge and supervise the opening and closing of the same, to keep the same in good order for public use, for the unexpired term of former bridge keeper, for the sum and amount of \$12 50 per month.

[Signed] GEORGE E. LYONS.

On motion of Lastie Broussard, resolved that the said contract be and the same is hereby awarded to said Geo. E. Lyons for the unexpired term, and for the sum specified in his proposal, his salary made payable quarterly, to date from the 8th day of December 1877.

Resolved further, that in order to insure the proper and faithful performance of duty on the part of said bridge keeper, he be required to furnish bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, to be approved by the bridge committee and mayor, the same to be given within five days from date.

On motion of S. Wise, resolved that a committee of two be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to ascertain the amount of delinquent tax-payers, both for licenses and taxes for the present and back years, and to submit their report next meeting if possible.

Whereupon the mayor appointed Messrs. Broussard and Wise.

On motion the Council adjourned to next regular meeting.

LEONCE PERRET, mayor.
L. C. LYONS, secretary.

December 8, 1877

The board of Town Council of Abbeville, met this day pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Leonce Perret, Mayor; and aldermen Broussard, Wise and Abadie. Absent: J. Boyanec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion of Lastie Broussard adopted.

Reports of R. P. O'Bryan, atty. G. E. Lyons, constable, were read and submitted, and on motion of Lastie Broussard, adopted, and ordered spread on the minutes.

On motion of Lastie Broussard, he it resolved that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to settle with the following named officers *pro rata*, or in full, if funds in his hands are sufficient, out of any currency funds which he may now have in hand, or which may be turned over under the reports adopted at this meeting, for salaries due said officers since April 7th 1877.

Which amounts are due as follows, to wit:

M. L. Bernard, former constable, deceased, whose salary was due from April 7th to June 26th 1877, to date of G. E. Lyons election, amounting to \$ 40 86

Leonce Perret, mayor, 25 00

E. I. Addison, Printer, 25 00

L. C. Lyons, Secretary, 25 00

R. P. O'Bryan, Attorney, 15 00

G. E. Lyons, Const. & Com. 150 00

making a total sum of due said officers \$ 280 86 as herein specified.

On motion of Lastie Broussard, resolved that the secretary post up advertisements in three places in town calling for proposals for the keeping of the bridge at Abbeville, for the unexpired term of A. W. Badon, deceased.

Resolved further that no person will be employed unless he obligates himself, besides the conditions already imposed by former ordinances to keep said bridge and the platform on which rests the iron works of the same clean and well greased at all times, and that the same be under the supervision of the street and bridge committee.

On motion of Lastie Broussard, he it resolved that G. E. Lyons be authorized to take charge of the Abbeville bridge until next Saturday.

On motion the Council adjourned to Saturday the 15th inst.

LEONCE PERRET,
L. C. LYONS, Secretary.