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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All advertisements and communications intended for the MERIDIONAL, must be handed in by 12 o'clock M. on Thursday to ensure publication. This is an important business rule, which should not be overlooked or neglected.

Coulee Kinney Bridge is now in a floating condition.

Woodcocks have made their appearance.

The only disatvantage of an honest heart is credulity.

The Georgia gold mines yield a million a year.

Industry need not wish, and he that lives upon hope will die fasting.

Those who sow wild oats are in danger of reaping a crop of hemp.

Georgia enjoys the reputation of having the handsomest governor in the Union.

Prince Alexander, of Bulgaria, has intimated to the Czar his desire to abdicate.

A man who wears box-toed shoes is not expected to box with his toes.

Where there's a smoke there's some fire, and very often a mighty poor cigar.

☞ Recent rains have put all the road in a terrible condition.

According to the New York Express, it is the boy on top of the molasses hogshead who sings: "Oh for a thousand tongues.

Oneal Gury the veteran grocer has dissolved his connection with O. Bourque and opened for himself at his old stand.

☞ The succession sale of the property of F. Feray, has been postponed until sometime next spring.

"Why does father call mother honey?" asked a boy of his older brother. "Can't tell, 'cept it's because she has got a large comb in her head.

Artemus Ward says there are no daily papers published in his town, but there is a ladies sewing circle, which answers the same purpose.

"Hurrah! be jabers! the green's above the red!" exclaimed an Irish patriot, as he saw a red-haired man with a cabbage-leaf in his hat.

Noah was the first pitcher on record. He "pitched the Ark within and without." The game was finally called on account of the rain.

The man who gets the maddest at a newspaper joke on himself, is the same party who goes round showing the paper to everybody he meets when the joke is on some other fellow.

☞ Butler and his new Democratic party have again been defeated. In Boston, this time and by the "Faneuil Hall" or regular Democrats.

Benjamin Franklin occasionally stumbled upon the truth. He said: "The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us. If all but myself were blind, I shouldn't want a fine house nor fine furniture.

"There's our Jeremiah," said Mr. Shelburne, "he went off to make his living by his wits." "Well, did he succeed?" No, said the old man, with a sigh, and significantly tapping his head, "he failed for want of capital."

☞ The Union soldiers of New Orleans are out in another address to their comrades, setting forth the reasons why so light a Republican vote was polled; certifying to the peacefulness of the late election, giving Grant goss, and endorsing "Honest (?) John Sherman" for the Presidency.

In a late issue the New York Herald had an editorial leader a column and a half long entitled "The Great Question," in which it says: "Pie properly prepared and cooked is a characteristic American composition, very interesting historically, theologically and æsthetically, perfectly defensible politically on Democratic principles, and even dietetically not utterly condemnable."

☞ A certain writer on the editorial staff of the N. O. *Democrat* may justly lay claim to being the champion heathen of the age. Whenever he notices an attempt upon the part of the religious members of any community to check vice, and unholy transgressions of Divine Writ his puny hide swells with hate and rage and siezing his most dangerous weapon—a pen—he proceeds to relieve himself of his rankling venom by a vicious attack upon the innocent object of his wrath. The Young Men's Christian Association would do well to labor with him.

Verily, the people of New Orleans, and the manufacturers and river men in particular, are severely plagued by the direst curses which ever afflicted a community. From that national House of Refuge, the Custom house, swarms forth a horde of vagabonds, armed with a little brief authority and like the robbers that they are considering all men their lawful prey, lay hands on whatever affords them the slightest pretext to impose a penalty for some pretended infraction of the revenue law. The wholesale seizure of tobacco last week, by Jerusalem Marks and his brother thieves, together with the daily libeling of steamboats by the scallawag H. C. Dibble, are enough to rouse the indignation of the Almighty and bring forth mingled tears and curses from the staid monument of the great Henry Clay, which so silently notices all the Crescent City's wrongs and joys. There is a limit to every thing, and the patience which now seems infinite will one of these days pass away, and the people of New Orleans, mighty in their wrath shall rise a second time against the Customhouse crowd, as Rome rose against the Tarquins, and they will exist only in memory.

'Why the boy asked, 'do you blow down the muzzle of your gun?' 'To see,' replied the man, if it is—' And just then discovered it was.

It is an old adage that the tongue cannot be easily bridled. But it is easily bit.

A man's word is the mainspring of his character. Once break the main-spring and, like a watch, the man runs down.

Congressman Blackburn of Kentucky, says the Grant boom in the South "is sublimely insane inspiration of a few jackasses."

The law passed at the late session of the Alabama Legislature, prohibiting the purchase of cotton in seed, has been decided unconstitutional.

At a certain boarding-house, not far off, they had a chicken soup a few days ago. "They just let a chicken wade through it," said one boarder. "If they did, he waded on stilts," replied another.

No true lady will bounce out of the room and slam the door after her when asked to forego her new silk dress for a few days and let her husband settle an old cigar bill.

"Men often jump at conclusions" says the proverb. So do dogs. One recently jumped at the conclusion of a cat, which was sticking through the opening of a partly-closed door; and it created a great disturbance.

Prayers for rain were offered in all the churches in Petersburg (Va.) on Sunday. If Petersburg wants rain it should engage Prof. Jackson, of this city, to give an exhibition of fireworks.—Phila. Cronicle Herald.

The consumption of whiskey is said to be so great for the cure of snake bites in Texas, that the poor snakes are worked so hard that they have had a convention and resolved that they will emigrate to Kansas. They say that the demands for being bitten is so great that they cannot satisfy their constituents.

Several young men were sitting together, and a young lady happened to approach the vicinity.—One 'real sweet' young fellow seeing, as he supposed, the young lady looking at him, remarked playfully, and with a becoming simper, 'Well Miss———, you needn't look at me as though you wanted to eat me.' 'Oh, no,' sweetly replied the young lady, 'I never eat greens.'

HE DIDN'T TELL IT HIMSELF.—One of our gallant beaux went out calling an evening or two since, and during the evening remarked to Miss——that she had a nice lot of dried grass on her mantel. Says he: "It would be a nice room for a donkey to get into." "Make yourself at home!" she quietly rejoined, with sweet gravity.—Union City, (Tennessee) Chronicle.

Odds And Ends.

No sooner has one learned how to live than one must die.

Everybody gives advice; few take it and none act upon it.

All woman consult their mirrors; very few listen to them.

All death's heads grin. Can they have read their eqitaqhs?

No one ever admits his defeats if it is not to insist upon their compensations.

From the moment that a defect can no longer be concealed we exaggerate it.

A minister who had been reproving one of his elders for over-indulgence, observed a cow go down to a stream, take a drink, and then turn away. "There," said he to the offending elder, "is an example for you. The cow has quenched its thirst, and has retired." "Yes," replied the other "that's very true. But suppose another cow had come to the other side of the stream, and had said, 'Here's to you,' there's no saying how long they might have gone on."—Temperance *Journal*.

The *Item* thinks we must go to Europe for horrors. In the Spanish province of Vittoria a man has been arrested for eleven murders, the victims in all cases being women, and the motive merely a gratification of a thirst for blood and a pleasure in torturing. For ten years the criminal had been perpetrating crimes of so hideous a sort that the inhabitants of the province became afraid to leave their houses after night. The bodies of the victims were multilated in a manner too frightful to dwell upon. Among them are believed to have been several wives of the monster, whose name is Juan Garroyo, and who had been married four times. Although only eleven murders are charged against him more are believed to have been committed. Some idea of the terror these murders inspired may be inferred from the fact that the peasant women feared to go out in the daytime unless there were twenty or thirty of them together. The mutilation of the bodies was so similiar in all the cases that there was never any doubt of their having been committed by the same hand. As in most cases of unnatural crime, the criminal was extraordinarily cunning; as it took ten years to track the murders to their real source.

Some time since an item appeared in this column stating that a number of horses were running wild on Cow Island, and that they could be bought very cheap. Mr. M. H. Yerby, of Greensboro, Ala., writes to the TIMES desiring the names of the owners of this stock. It is to be hoped said owners will see this item and be grateful to the TIMES for bringing them a purchaser.—*N. O Times.*

Well, this is a little more than we bargained for when we wrote that horse article. But to please the news editress (we believe that's the term) of the *Times*, Mr. Yerby and others, we will state that the owners of the said gallant steeds in question are Messrs Demosthene Nunez, Jos. Lemaire, V. Marceaux, Alex. R. Broussard Jos. T. Guidry, and A. Marceaux. Now, for the gratitude part. Please tell us Mme F., if we, who first gave publicity, to the fact and afterward answered Mr. Yerby's inquiries, do not come in for a share of the spoils as well as the *Times* whose reference to the matter, without our co-operation would have amounted to naught?

People who are apt to make free use of another's properity will be a little surprised when they hear that a young girl in Pittsburg, Pa. has been sent to jail at the instance of her uncle charged with larceny, because she wore a silk dress and other articles belonging to her aunt to a ball on Thanksgiving evening, not supposing there would be any objection to her using them. Borrowed plumage is always dangerous.

Something for the New Year.

The world renowned success of Hostetter's Bitters, and their continued popularity for a quarter of a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome thats greets the annual appearance of Hostetter's Almanac. This valuable medical treatise is published by Hostetter and Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa. under their own immediate suppervision, employing 80 hands in that department. Ten cylinder printing presses, 8 folding machines, 5 job presses, etc, are running about eleven months in the year on this work, and the issue of same for 1879 will not be less than ten millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of *Hostetter's* Bitters, amusement, varied information, astronomical calculations and chronological items, etc., which can be depended on for correctness. The Almanac for 1879 can be obtained free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

A horse in Chicago darnk two gallons of beer by mistake for water, and in about fifteen minutes he danced around the wagon and wanted to know who run that town if he didn't. It affects everything just that way.

50 Cents

Will be well spent if you send it for the STAR SPANGLED BANNER for 1880. THE BANNER begins its eighteenth year January, 1880. It is a large, 8-page, 40-column, illustrated paper, (size of *Leger*,) and is unequalled as a home and family visitor. It is filled with the best of reading, Stories, Sketches, Poems, with Wit Humor and Fun enough to keep the household in a roar the year round. It exposes Swindlers, as for a dozen years past, tells the truth and sticks to it. Only 50 cents secures it a whole year, or elegant premiums—Albums, Microscopes, Teaspoons and other valuable articles—are given to all who send 75 cents for BANNER a year. See Prospectus for 1880. It is a wonder, indeed, how so good a paper can be made for only 50 cents, or such elegant premiums be given free with paper one year for only 75 cents. Specimens FREE Trial trips, three months, 15 cents; six months, 25 cents; a whole year only 50 cents. Splendid pay to agents. Lose no time, but subscribe NOW, at least send for a specimen. Address, STAR SPANGLED BANNER. Hinsdale, N. H.

Notice,

FLOUR! FLOUR! FLOUR!

The undersigned Baker at Abbeville, informs the public that he will constantly keep on hand a complete stock of Flour, which he will offer for sale at moderate prices; according to quality, from ordinary superfine to extra choice.

J. BOYANCE, Baker.

Dec. 20-'79 3m

PUBLIC SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

Parish Court—No. 613.

Parish of Vermilion.

Succession of Olivа Landry.

By virtue of a decree of the Hon. Parish Court aforesaid rendered in the matter of the above entitled and numbered succession, the public are informed that there will be exposed at sale, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, by the Administrator, at the late residence of the deceased, in this parish, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3d 1880,

the following described property, to wit:

One dwelling house and five other buildings.

530 panels of fencing.

One lot of pickets.

About 20 head of cattle.

About 12 head of gentle and wild horses.

One lot of sheep and one lot of hogs.

The house hold furniture and kitchen utensils and many other articles the enumeration of which would be too long.

VALERIEN NUNEZ,
Administrator.

December, 20th 1879.

Notice.

TAX PAYERS OF VERMILION.

You are hereby notified that the Tax Collector's Office is now open in the town of Abbeville, near the Court House.

Parties wishing to settle will find myself or L. J. Smith, my deputy, from 9 to 1 o'clock at the office.

M. C. BROUSSARD,
Tax Collector.

March 29th 1879.

$5 to 20 per day at home Samples worth $5 free. Address Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine.

$66 a week in your own town. Terms and $5 outfit free. Address H. Hallett and Co., Portland, Maine.

$72 A week. $12 a day at home easily made. Costly outfit free. Address True and Co., Portland, Maine.

F. O. Leblanc,

COLLECTOR,

Will give prompt attention to all accounts or notes placed in his hands for collection.—oct 11-'79

LAND OFFICE, at New Orleans, La. October 1st 1879.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: Pierges Castille, of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, who made Homestead application No. 3264, for the E. fractional Northeast quarter, Section 24, Township 11, South Range West, Southwestern District Louisiana, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Henry [illegible] and Joseph Moultrie, both of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

W. M. BURWELL,
Oct. 11th '79 Register.

LIST of delinquent tax payers of the town of Abbeville, for the year 1879.

	Gen.	Spec.
Broussard Leon mrs	$10 20	4 [illegible]
Bethancourt M.	5 04	2 [illegible]
Blanchet suc Ursule	30	[illegible]
Cartright J. S.	30	[illegible]
Deblanc & Perry	24	[illegible]
Defrance miss Laura	24	[illegible]
Duhon Emile	75	[illegible]
Fontelieu mrs Paulin	4 20	1 [illegible]
Gray Thomas	12	[illegible]
Hall S H	1 50	[illegible]
Hubbins mrs	24	[illegible]
Hebert Sarazin	24	[illegible]
Kibbe Wm G	180	[illegible]
Leblanc mrs Eloi	60	[illegible]
Lege mrs Demosthene	75	[illegible]
Lege F D	24	[illegible]
Murtagh mrs A N	1 80	[illegible]
O'Bryan R P	36	[illegible]
Curblic Donatien	24	[illegible]
Remick C H & L Lyons	3 90	1 [illegible]
Thibeaux Eraste	24	[illegible]
Vignes Joseph	60	[illegible]
Young F D	11 16	4 [illegible]
Young & Kibbe	30	[illegible]

The above parties are hereby notified that unless they settle the amount of taxes due by them as above and before the 20th of December that suit will be brought against them to enforce the payment of the same. The tax rolls are in my hands, call at my office and settle.

R. C. SMEDES,
Attorney.

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THE CHICAGO LEDGER is approaching the close of its first year of its existence, having established in the winter of [illegible] THE LEDGER was started [illegible] ent conducting with [illegible] ings as to the success of [illegible] prise. Many literary [illegible] the Western metropolis, and [illegible] ably failed. The sea of [illegible] was strewn with the [illegible] stranded newspaper [illegible] Others that were living, but [illegible] gling for a precarious [illegible] have since yielded to [illegible] and gone down, leaving THE LEDGER to-day the only weekly [illegible] printed in Chicago.

THE LEDGER has not [illegible] plane of success upon which [illegible] solidly rests without [illegible] directed effort. Its [illegible] labored earnestly and [illegible] not only to make it an [illegible] erary journal, but now to [illegible] reading world acquainted [illegible] Thousands upon thousands [illegible] lars have been expended in [illegible] its merits to the attention [illegible] reading public. In fact, THE LEDGER has been the most [illegible] vertised newspaper in the [illegible] The publishers have [illegible] pride at the success that has [illegible] tended their efforts to [illegible] first-class literary paper in the [illegible] tal city of the West. The [illegible] tion, already large, is rapidly [illegible] ting, and by the 1st day of [illegible] will be not less than 3[illegible] publishers do not mean to [illegible] their efforts to make THE LEDGER the best weekly newspaper in the West, but intend to prosecute the work, and during the [illegible] will still further increase its [illegible] and usefulness.

The weekly contents of THE LEDGER embrace, in addition to [illegible] novels, several short stories [illegible] and Family Doctor department [illegible] bracing letters from [illegible] pecialized heads and [illegible] hold and kitchen [illegible] adornment, the management [illegible] children, and recipes for [illegible] many of the life to which [illegible] heir; a Young Folks' department [illegible] department devoted to [illegible] erature, consisting of [illegible] from the latest [illegible] tific department, giving [illegible] intelligence in regard to [illegible] ories, mechanical [illegible] nine biographies, sketches [illegible] papers, travels, poetry, and [illegible] of short articles on [illegible] topics.

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