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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.

A tight fit—The horrors.

A great ink convenience—The printing press.

When you make light of a man do you cremate him?

High tied—a fellow that's hanged.

Bad drinking water brings a man to his bier quicker than anythingelse.

Bulwer was right. Even the Quaker Penn of Pennsylvania was mightier than the sword.

A minister often has a grave appearance, but the artist frequently has a graver.

When there is trouble with the

Gen. Grant has taken occasion to deny, in the City of Mexico, that he favors the annexation of Mexico to the United States.

One of the grounds on which an Ohio wife demands a divorce is that her husband habitually sleeps with a pistol in his hand.

A colored man, by the name of King, was arrested last Tuesday under the accusation of carrying concealed weapons, and was then incarcerated in the parish jail; until he gives bond.

Last Saturday old man Jerry caught nearly a hundred perches, in the Bayou Vermilion, under the Abbeville bridge; this kind of fish seems to be abundant in the Bayou; every morning one may see several boys or girls with a few dozens each, passing through town.

There have been only two cabinet officers younger than Robert Lincoln; Alexander Hamilton, who was only thirty-three when appointed by Washington Secretary of the Treasury, and Henry Knox, the first Secretary of War under the Constitution, who was thirty-seven.

An English relate of the Episcopalian Church, being very sick and about dying, called his servant, and said: "John I am goinb to die. I think." Well, most Rev. "said the good servant, you will go in a better world." "John answered the prelate, in a convinced tone." There is no better place than Old England. This shows what faith he had. Happy he is, who lives in good faith; for he will, always, hope in a future life and shall be sure to obtain heaven, if he follows in this world, the rules of the Church established by Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

THE PORT OF SABINE.

Is a New Gulf City to be Built up?

Mr. Gould, according to the New York special of the News, is about to purchase the road from Vermilionville, Louisiana, to the Sabine river, in order to control all the outlets from Texas. This Vermilionville road was chartered under the Warmoth regime in Louisiana, with a branch running up the Red river valley and another to Texas. Bonds of the State to a considerable amount were squandered and stolen in furtherence of the scheme. Its franchises, at one time esteemed valuable, had fallen into insignificance, but it is to be presumed that the present railroad furore has brought them once more into recognition. The News understands the dispatch to mean that Mr. Gould will purchase the road referred to in order to guard against competition with the New Orleans Pacific road. This inference is the only idea at present that can be reasonably deduced from the dispatch. It may, to some extent, affect the operations of the Texas and New Orleans railroad. — Galveston *News*.

The above, taken in connection with the fact that Eastern influence secured a larger appropriation for the deepening of the channel at the mouth of the Sabine than the United States Engineer's estimates called for, may be significant. Fortunately there is enough trade for all the Gulf ports, no matter how greatly their capacities may be developed. The State bonds referred to above as "squandered and stolen" were those recently declared null and void by the United States Supreme Court. —*N. O. City Item.*

On the 20th instant, a few people standing on the bank of the Mississippi river, saw a man and a young woman passing down the river in a skiff. They heard the woman begging to be put ashore; and then saw the man take hold of her and throw her overboard. They started in pursuit, but the wretch escaped in the darkness and the woman was drowned.

This must have been a case of misplaced confidence, as the two had staid all night at a town some distance above where the murder was committed.—*The Amite City Independent.*

There is but one way for any man in business to be thoroughly independent in its conduct, and that is to have plenty of cash to pay as he goes. It makes no difference then where he trades. He can always command the bottom prices as to quantity, whatever he buys, and can take advantage of the markets whenever he pleases. Of course, everybody knows all this, but it will do no harm to remind our readers of it. Men sometimes get to thinking that their credit is so good that it makes no difference whether they pay cash or not. But it does make a difference. Cash is a hundred per cent. better than any man's credit.—[New York Grocer.

A cottage was set on fire by birds in Shropshire, England, the involuntary incendiaries having carried some lucifer matches into their nest at the corner of the roof. The matches become ignited and fired the cottage.

Ex-Marshal Bazaine, who was charged with having betrayed Metz to the Prussians, spends most of his days in a Madrid coffee house, playing billiards and drinking chocolate.

MEETING

ABBEVILLE, LA. MAY 7TH 1881.

The planters and merchants association met at the Court House, this day according to call.

The meeting was opened by Geo. M. Eldridge, Esq., and on motion of Mr. Eldridge, Capt. C. H. Remick was unanimously elected president, who took his seat and in a brief address stated the object of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. G. Godchaux, Mr. E. C. Kibbe was elected Secretary, whereupon the association proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Putnam, Resolved, that a committee of six (6) three planters and three merchants be appointed to confer with steamboatmen, to contract to carry our freights to and from Bayou Vermilion to New Orleans at old Teche Rates or less with at least one trip per week.

The president appointed on above committee Messrs. J. H. Putnam, A. C. Perry, Martin Bagly, G. Godchaux, O. Bourque and A. D. Martin.

Further Resolved that the committee act in concert.

On motion of Mr. Eldridge Resolved, that the members of this meeting are requested to sign an agreement now or as soon hereafter as is possible, binding themselves to ship their freight at above rates for at least 3 years, except on eggs, which must be carried at less than Teche rates say ½ cent per dozen.

On motion of Mr. Eldridge Resolved, that as soon as the committee are in a position, to lay before parties interested contracts from steamboatmen, they issue a call for a meeting and shall lay before the same all such offers of contracts for their approval or rejection.

On motion of Mr. Martin be it Resolved that all correspondence be addressed to the chairman of the committee, J. H. Putnam, Abbeville, La.

Abbeville, New Orleans, New Iberia and Morgan City papers are requested to publish these proceedings.

On motion of Dr. J. B. Ramsey Resolved that the meeting be adjourned subject to a call by the chairman of the committee.

C. H. REMICK, President.
E. C. KIBBE, Secretary.

Come one, Come all!

Here is fun for all, old and young. The Abbeville Glee Club will give an entertainment on Saturday, May the 28th inst. Those wishing to have $5.00 worth of fun for 25 cents, come and see, and you will be satisfied.

By order of the Club.
E. A. MAZEROLLE, Secretary.

Notice.

LAND OFFICE, at New Orleans, La., May 3, 1881.

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 said proof to be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Abbeville, La., on the 11th of June 1881, viz: Desire Bodoin, Homestead No. 4443, for the SE quarter, Sec. 31, Township 12, S. 5 East, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Theolin Landry, St-Denis Delcambre, Cesaire Mayers and Joseph Gontierez of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

GEO. BALDEY, Register.

May 14-'81.

Notice.

LAND OFFICE, at New Orleans, La., May 4, 1881.

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 that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Abbeville, La., on the 11th of June 1881, viz: Augustave Royer, Homestead No. 1429, for the SE quarter or lots 7 and 8, Section 10, T 10, S. 2 W. Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Valery Broussard, Joseph Trahan, jr., Paul Trahan and Onezime Trahan, of Vermilion, Louisiana.

GEO. BALDEY, Register.

May 14-'81.

State of Louisiana,

25TH DISTRICT COURT,—Parish of Vermilion—No. 635.

Succession of Jean Dugas.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in said succession, or having any opposition to make to the application of A. F. Dugas, to be appointed administrator of the aforesaid succession, to file the same in writing in the office of the clerk of court at the courthouse in ten days from date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal of court this 14th day of May 1881.

LASTIE BROUSSARD clerk.

Tax Collector's Notice.

Persons owing Licenses—State and Parish—for the year 1881, and also back taxes are hereby notified to come immediately at my office near the court house and settle the same.

G. B. SHAW,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

May 14th 1881.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

25TH DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF VERMILION,

Finding it necessary, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby order a special term of Court, for the transaction of civil business to be begun and held at Abbeville in the Parish of Vermilion on the first Monday in the month of June of this year.

And Lastie Broussard, Esq., Clerk of our Court for the Parish of Vermilion is hereby required to take notice of this order, and is directed to give notice thereof in accordance with section 1932 of the Revised Statutes of this State.

Done at chambers in Abbeville La., this 22d day of April A. D. 1881.

JOHN CLEGG,
Judge 25th Jud. Dist. of La

State of Louisiana.
Parish of Vermilion.

Pursuant to the above order, notice is hereby given, that a special term of the District Court for this parish, for the transaction of civil business, will be held at the Court House, in the town of Abbeville, La., beginning on Monday the 6th day of June next.

Given under my hand and seal this 22d day of April A. D 1881.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, Clerk.

TAX SALES

—OF—

Immovable Property.

The state of Louisiana

vs.

Delinquent Tax Debtors.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana I will sell at the principal door of the Court House in which the Civil District Court of said parish is held within the legal hours for judicial sales, beginning at 11 o'clock A. M. on

Saturday, June 4th 1881,

and continuing on Monday and each succeeding day until said sales are completed, all immovable property on which taxes are now due to the State of Louisiana and Parish of Vermilion by non-[illegible] for the year 1880, together with interest thereon from the 31st day of December 1880 at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid and all costs, as well as all taxes due for back years, together with interest, penalty, and damages imposed under then existing laws

Abshire Emily Mrs 112 acres of land on bayou Queue Tortue, boundaries unknown, taxes 1880, $1.12.

Broussard Drauzin F C 91 acres lot 1 Sec 9 T 11 SR 2 W, on Queue Tortue, taxes of 1880, 80 cents

Broussard Edward J F Mrs 26 acres bd W Vermilion Bayou taxes 1880, 64 cents, 1877 87 cents, 1876, $3.05 1875, 77 cents.

Broussard Euphemon 80 acres, boundaries unknown, taxes 1880, $1.28, 1878, $1.90, 1877, $2.05.

Broussard Muncoe 80 acres bd N by Mrs Louis Simon, S Lozin Comeau, tax 1880, $1 28.

Broussard Achilles 12 acres boundaries unknown, tax 1880 32 cts.

Broussard Simeon 160 acres NW ¼ Sec 22 T 11 SR 2 E tax 1880, $1.60.

Broussard Firmin O 40 acres boundaries unknown tax 1880, 96 cents.

Broussard Lucien 160 acres NW¼ Sec 24 T 13 SR 3 E, also 160 acres NE¼ Sec 27 T 13 SR 1 E, tax '80 $2 53 '78 $3 70 '77 $4 02.

Bruvier Joseph 60 acres in T 12 SR 4 E tax '80 96 cents.

Bradley Jas W 322 acres N½ sec 33 T 12 SR 2 E tax '80 $4.80 '78 $7.45 '77 $8.07.

Benoit Aurelien 162 acres SE¼ Sec 15 T 11 SR 2 W tax '80 $1.28 '78 $1.90 '77 $2.02.

Boullet Aurelien 320 acres bdrs unknown in Queue Tortue tax '80 $2 56.

Boudreaux Désiré 320 acres S½ of Sec 28 T 13 SR 1 E part sea marsh tax '80 $2.56 '78 $3 70 '77 $3.82.

Bernard Nelson 53⅔ acres being a portion of Sec 29 tax '80 64 cents.

Bernard Alexandre 323 acres N½ of Sec 9 T 12 SR 2 E tax '78 $6.90 77 $7.50 '76 $2.12 '75 $2 24 '74 $7.25 '73 $5 58.

Babin Theophore 125 acres NE¼ Sec 1 T 12 SR 3 E tax '80 $1 60.

Belden R. for wife 2 lots Nos 15 and 28 near town of Abbeville, known as M. E. Nixon's land tax '77 49 cts '76 37 cts.

Bertrand, Lucien 1 lot at Perry's Bridge, tax 1880, 32 cents.

Berbail, Leon 83 acres prairie land bd N J Bte Leblanc, S Severien Leblanc W Hermogne Langlinais, E Broussard tax 1876 $7 02 1875 $9.04.

Comeaux Anastasie Mrs 53⅔ acres ⅓ N E ¼ Section 29 tax 1880 64 cents.

Comeaux Azelia Mrs 214⅔ acres lots 7 and 8 Sec 29 and W ¼ portion of N E ¼ Sec 29 T 11 S R 1 E tax 1880 $1.92.

Comeaux Clarissa Mrs 161 acres N E ¼ Sec 29 T 11 S R 1 E tax 1880 $1 60.

Coopwood Thomas Est of 320 acres W ½ of Sec 3 T 11 S R 3 E also 161 acres W ½ of S E ¼ and E ½ of S E ¼ Sec 10 T 11 S R 3 E also 158 acres N W ¼ Sec 8 T 12 S R 3 E tax 1880 $6.40.

Conner Catherine Mrs 160 acres S½ ½ Sec 22 T 13 SR 4 E tax 1875 $1.29.

Dupre Cyprien 40 acres NW ¼ of SW ¼ Sec 26 T 11 SR 4 E tax 1880 96 cents.

Deblanc Alcibiade 40 acre purchased at said sale of Chas Durand near Lake Peigneur tax 1880 80 cents.

Dupuy Babin 160 acres bds unknown tax 1877 $4.02.

Fontelieu Laodice 161 acres NE ¼ Sec 29 T 12 SR 2 E also 162 acres SE ¼ Sec 32 T 12 SR 2 E tax '80 $5.12 '78 $7.45 '77 $8.06.

Fontelieu Paulin Mrs ½ interest in lots 41, 42, 69, 61 and 72 Megret's portion of Abbeville also ½ interest in lots 31, 43, 29, 16, 17 and 30 of Boëte's portion of Abbeville tax '80 $5 50.

Foreman Edwards 240 acre in Indian Point Bayou Queue Tortue tax '80 $3 84 '74 $15 13 '73 $13 31.

Foreman Benajah improvements and livestock tax '76 $16.83 '75 $15 38 '74 $25.25 '73 $21.00.

Fabre Raymond agt for Mrs Landry 196 acres bds unknown tax '78 $4 40 '77 $4.90.

Gueydan Pierre 162 acres SE ¼ Sec 32 T 12 S 2 E also 162 acres SW ¼ Sec 32 T 12 SR 2 E tax '80 $5.12 '76 96 cents.

Guidry Edmond 162 acres NW ¼ Sec 21 T 11 SR 2 E tax '80 $2.56 '78 $1.90 '77 $2.02.

Guidry Jules & Dupre 224 acres cypress swamp on Queue Tortue tax '80 $6 40.

[illegible] Wm G 162 acres NW ¼ acres SW ¼ Sec 36 [illegible] E, also 162 tax '80 $4 80 '78 $6 90 '77 $8 10.

Gauthreaux Uranie Mrs 162 acres lots 4 and 5 Sec 13 T 11 SR 2 W Queue Tortue tax '80 $1 28 '78 $1 90 '77 $2 02.

Hatch C A Mrs 160 acres Sec 8 T 10 SR 1 E also 160 acres Sec 18 T 13 SR 3 E NE ¼ also 160 acres Sec 4 T 13 SR 2 E also 160 acres Sec 17 T 13 SR 3 E tax '80 $6 40 '78 $9 20 '75 $12 90 '74 $17 90.

Healy Thomas tutor 149 acres N W ¼ Sec 6 T 13 SR 3 E tax '80 $2 40 '78 $3 45 '76 $3 98.

Haines Jas C 320 acres NW ¼ Sec 29 and NE ¼ Sec 30 T 11 SR 2 W tax '80 $4 80 '78 $7 20 '77 $7 79.

Heffner Augustin 300 acres in T 14 SR 3 E to be taken from an original undivided tract of 762 63,100 acres belonging in community with said Heffner and heirs of Melissa M Moss fractional Sec 76 tax '80 $3 20 '73 $11 50 '77 $12 50 '76 $10 60 '75 $9 76.

Harrison J W for wife 1400 acres Sec 90 T 14 SR 3 tax '76 $21 20.

Howard & Ward 295 acres in Sec 9 10 & 11 lots 1 & 6 T 11 SR 2 W tax '80 $2 40 '78 $3 40 '77 $3 36.

Hobbins E Mrs 1 lot No 92 Megret's portion of Abbeville tax '80 55 cents '78 65 cents '77 70 cents.

Hebert Elysee Mrs 35 acres on Coulee Grangé tax '80 80c '78 85c '77 87c '76 93c '75 $1 15 '74 $1 52 '73 $1 16

Hebert Joseph 90 acres bd N by Zenon Trahan S Emile Broussard tax '80 $1 60 '78 $2 10 '77 $2 23 '76 $2 39.

Hebert Emile 40 acres bd E by N Cormier W Placide Hebert tax '80 64c '78 94 cents.

Hebert Olivier 161 acres NW ¼ Sec 11 T 13 SR 2 E tax '80 $2 56.

Hoffpauir Preston 320 acres on Q T bds unknown tax '80 $3 20.

Higginbotham Nelson 80 acres bd N by Lozin Commeaux south by E Broussard E by Louis Simon W by Edgar Broussard tax '76 $1 06.

Hall S H Suc of ½ Town lot No 26 Megret's portion of Abbeville and Improvements tax '76 $2 48 '77 $4 70.

Jackson Seaborn 324 acres E½ Sec 12 T 13 SR 2 E tax '80 $4 80 '78 $6.45 '77 $8.10.

Lalande Adam 80 acres bd S mrs Viléré Marceaux tax '80 96c.

Lalande Jos B 77 acres N½ of NE ¼ Sec 7 T 11 SR 3 E tax '80 96c.

Leet John E 108 acres in Sec 15 T 13 SR 3 E taxes '80 80c '78 $3.70 '77 $4.02 '76 $2.99 '75 $2 37.

Landry Joseph Mrs 1235 acres in T 12 & 13 Range 2 & 3 on Queue Tortue taxes '80 $10 40 '78 $14 95 '75 $72 73.

Landry Oscar 160 acres E½ of NW¼ and W½ of NE¼ Sec 29 T 11 SR 3 E tax '80 $2 56.

Leblanc Jos Ernest 323 acres N½ Sec 28 T 14 SR 2 E tax '80 $12 [illegible]

Leblanc Edmond 152 acres [illegible] 21 T 11 SR 2 W taxes [illegible] '78 $1 90 '77 $2 02.

L'Abbé Ernest 160 [illegible]

Lessin Dubois S Emile [illegible] E Jules Landry W R [illegible] '76 $4 24.

Mouton Romain 20 acres in Mouton's Cove tax '80 64c '78 [illegible] '77 $1 25.

Manceaux Stainville 91 acres bd T 11 SR 2 W tax '80 80c '78 $2 10 '77 $2 23.

Manceaux Jean 14 acres bd N by M A Broussard S by Sylvestre Marceaux tax '80 32c '78 45c '77 45c.

Emile Manceaux 49 acres on Queue Tortue bdrs unknown tax '80 64c '78 50c.

Morrison Wm 160 acres on Indian Point Queue Tortue tax '80 $2 56.

Morgan Stafford 40 acres SE¼ of NE¼ sec 10 T 11 SR 2 E, also 40 acres NE¼ of SE¼ sec 10 T 11 SR 2 E, also 40 acres SW¼ of NW¼ sec 10 T 11 SR 2 E tax '80 $1 28.

Marianistes Sisters Holy Cross 40 acres NW¼ sec 4 T 13 SR 4 E tax '77 $3 75.

Phelps N H Est of 798 acres in 10 12 & 36 T 11 & 12 tax [illegible]

Plat Oscar 138½ acres NE¼ of SW¼ of SW¼ and lots 3 & 4 sec 6 T 12 SR 4 E tax '76 $1 68.

Romero Edgar 9 acres the undivided 1-5 of ½ of W½ of sec 10 T 11 SR 4 E tax '80 32c.

Rodins Marcelin 162 acres N½ sec 15 T 11 SR 2 W tax '80 $1 [illegible] $1 90 '77 $2 02.

Rosa Moise mrs 50 acres on Little Bayou tax '80 $1 20

Roberson Avery & Co 60 acres on Lake Simonet bds unknown with improvements tax '77 $14 73.

Slater Margaret Est of 180 acres S Sarazin Hebert tax '80 $3 20 '78 $4 60

Sellers Louis 15 acres west bd on Bayou Vermilion tax '80 80c

Smith John J 395 acres in sec 14 [illegible] '77 $2 01

Slatterly John 160 acres sw ¼ sec 2 township 13 south range 4 E tax '79 $8 39

Louis Simon mrs 80 acres bd N by Lafayette line south by Athanase Mesux tax '78 2 30 '77 2 50

Thompson Chas 600 acres bd N by Denlouis Boulet south by G Hebpauir tax '80 6 40 '78 6 40 '77 7 [illegible] '74 15 75

Taylor Jacob A Est of 150 acres near Abbeville tax '80 2 80

Trahan Alex mrs 80 acres in township 13 south range 1 E tax '79 1 28 '78 1 90 '77 2 01

Trahan Pierre B Heirs of 122 acres northeast quarter of northeast quarter sec 21 and W½ of NW¼ sec 22 township 11 south range 1 E also 162 acres sw qtr of sec 23 township 11 south range 1 E tax '80 3 20 '78 6 55 '77 7 10 '76 5 30 '75 7 10

Trahan Edmond 40 acres bd south by Denlouis Leleu tax '80 64c '78 45c

Tucker Daniel one lot at Perry's Bridge tax '80 32c

Twitchell H 200 acres bd N Trahan south Theozime Bertrand [illegible] Bayou Vermilion tax '80 $4 [illegible] 6 90 '77 7 50 '76 5 30

Willis Thos C 625 acres southwest qtr of sec 29 and southeast qtr sec 30 T 11 south range 2 W on Queue Tortue tax '80 $6 40

Wall Sam'l 24 acres bd N & S by Pierre Mucci tax '80 80c

Unknown owner 1200 acres [illegible] marsh sec 89 T 14 SR 3 E tax [illegible] 2 40

Unknown owner 320 acres [illegible] wood and marsh bd N and S by A Nunez W by Bayou Vermilion [illegible] '78 12 50 '77 12 50 '80 8 00.

Unknown owner 617 acres [illegible] land near the town of Abbeville 12 SR 4 E tax '78 13 80 '77 [illegible] '80 $9 60.

On said day of sale, I will [illegible] such portions of each of said [illegible] fic property as each debtor will [illegible] out, and in case the debtor shall [illegible] point out sufficient property, I [illegible] once and without further delay [illegible] without appraisement for cash, [illegible] for what it will bring, which [illegible] bidder will buy for the amount [illegible] the taxes, interest and costs due [illegible] said debtor, and the property [illegible] shall be redeemable, at any time [illegible] the space of one year, by paying [illegible] price given, with 20 per cent [illegible] costs added.

Sheriff's Office and Ex officio Tax Collector, Abbeville, La., April 29th 1881.

G. B. SHAW.
Sheriff & Ex-officio Tax Collector.