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April 1st 1882.

A Happy New Year to all.

Did you go to the Christmas tree.

What did you get.

Our boy got his marbles.

Ours was printers luck—left.

Mary, old Tom's wife died last Saturday.

Mr. E. Trahan's coffee house is opened. This gentleman has exhibited great taste in fixing up his bar, everything looks neat and tidy about the premises.

Some of our sugar houses are still smoking, at Putnam's, Bagley's and Vanslyke's, they are yet running, turning out a good article of sugar and molasses.

King Rex has issued his proclamation to the citizens of the Crescent City, for the grand occasion of Mardi Gras, which promises to be a very grand affair. Its bids fair to be the greatest turn-out of the sort ever witnessed in the city.

Joe Boutté, a colored man has opened, a saloon and dancing room, in the ancient building of Mr. L. Ourblin, fronting State street, quite a crowd collect there every Sunday, to while time in merriment.

Last Saturday evening at Mr. Bagley's sugar house the clothes of a young colored boy whilst standing near the rollers of the cane carrier while they were running got caught by them, and before any assistance could be rendered, he was literally crushed and killed outright.

Our town feels the want of bricks on the market. Our friend Geo. Caldwell who by-the-by is a no. 1 brick maker sold a kiln which he burned last fall in a little or no time. We hope he will soon commence another kiln, which will soon be exhausted, for the demand is always the same.

Last Monday, Christmas, was one of the loveliest days of the season; people flocked in at an early hour, to attend divine service. The juveniles had a merry time with fire crackers, Sunday and Monday nights sky rockets and roman candles were whirled in the sky with many an effusion of mirth.

Wild ducks last week were plentiful on the prairie, and amateurs were out all the time chasing them. Of an evening shots were heard in all directions, nevertheless but very few birds were brought to town for market. It seems as though hunters kill what is necessary for their home supply and no more. Regular hunters are scarce, although the demand is always the same in town, all those that are brought to town are disposed of at liberal rates.

Mess. Snider and Holmes Mfgs. and wholesale paper dealers, will please accept our thanks, for the very beautiful and convenient calendar for 1883.

The Christmas Tree was in every way a success, under the management of several ladies and gentlemen with George R. Tolson as Santa Claus, after the distribution of presents, the supper for the benefit of the Hook and Ladder Company, was bountifully partaken of, and we are told that a handsome amount was realized. The evening's enjoyment concluded with a short though apparently pleasant dance.

Unfortunately that our pockets were empty Monday morning as we were taking our morning perambulation over our town, seeking for interesting items for our locals. We know that with our generous nature we would have succumbed to the temptation of emptying our pockets outright, to give alms to the poor freedmen whom we met on the great thoroughfares. They were strung out in echellons at the corners of each street, and then and there, with money glingling in their plethoric pockets, they would beg a Christmas gift.

The sable denizens of our burgh from superficial and casual appearances seemed to have enjoyed time hugely at Christmas, in a certain portion of town. As long as the day lasted a motley congregation whiled time tripping the fantastic toe, and exercising the exhilarating and bracing waltz. The programme was so arranged that a jig would be wedged in between resting time. There was no cessation however for the accordion and banjo which were kept at work all the time, while in a corner of the hall, a game was kept up for those who preferred that past time. The revelry was kept up at fever heat till late Monday evening when all parties dispersed.

As long as the night endured Sunday, firing of big guns was almost incessant, that is as long as we were awake; of course when slumber sat on our eyes and a sweet slumber nature's restorer prevailed our system, we did not hear the firing, only we dreamt once that war was raging and that we happened to have been in the midst of a mêlé oh, horrors of horrors, what a picture of carnage was painted on the slumbering brain; but what relief to have waked just at the time when a strapping grenadier was about to transfix us with his bayonette; do you know what was the noise that troubled us in the midst of that slumber: that of the members of the united brethren of the colored church of Zion of Abbeville. They sang and stamped the whole night long.

We were pleased mightily at looking at all the fine toys exhibited in the show cases of our town merchants. There have been more toys ordered this year than all succeeding years. Our merchants seem to have developed a great deal of taste in the selection of these articles. Old Santa Claus was at work busily all night, Sunday, with his car drawn by reindeer, with the old old pipe in his mouth and his thumb on his nose musing about the little boys and girls. It was funny to see him looking at the names of his little friends in his big book. He would stop on the top of each house chimney take a peep inside and dart down, with a bunch of little horses, sugar plums, fire crackers and we don't know what, and he would stealthy approach the beds of the good little boys and girls, drop into their stockings all the pretty fine things and then start and go over the same operation somewhere else, all night long he kept at work. Poor old man how tired he must have been after his night's labor. Like all old people we suppose he must sometimes suffer from rheumatism.

A Happy New Year.

To our Numerous Customers:
With the opening of the New Year, whose many hued rainbow of promise, seemingly holds so many blessings in reserve for all mankind. We especially desire to express our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage you have so generously bestowed upon us in the past. In so doing we cherish the hope that all your bright anticipations of the future be fully realized, and that we may be permitted to share your prosperity during the coming year. We shall constantly endeavor, by that spirit of industry, enterprise and integrity which has never characterized our past career, to merit a continuance of your kind favors.

But three years have elapsed since we commenced business here on a small scale, and we can now point with commendable pride, we think, to the progress we have achieved. Handling none but a reliable line of goods, selected with the greatest care and sold at small profit, we have by honest dealing, polite and painstaking attention, succeeded in establishing a flourishing trade. To this rule we shall firmly adhere. Again thanking you for your patronage we respectfully solicit its continuance, Very truly yours,

TOLSON & YOUNG.

The Bayou and other minor streams rose considerably after the last rains. For two or three days in succession, it rained at intervals; the most rain fell during the night time. There was quite a blow one evening Neptune and Jupiter had combined their forces and it appeared as though the furies of the infernal regions had been turned loose; but there was no casualty resulting from the union, only very high water on the prairie, and slushy roads and streets. To cap the climax on the Thursday about 10 o'clock in certain sections of the parish, hail assailed one of the showers, it rattled smartly on the roofs of houses and on the grass where it fell it looked like so much big hominy scattered broadcast. But fortunately with all this appearance of weather, no cold followed. It cleared off with a north-wester which was very tolerable. May the weather continue thus, without excessive cold. The cattle look well enough taking everything in consideration.

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NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE at New Orleans, La. Dec. 23, 1882.

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 Jan. 30th 1883, viz: Syphroyen Trahan, Homestead No. 4700 for fraction Section 23, T. 13, S. 4 E. Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. W. Kuehlin, Cleophas Broussard, Charles Frederick and Oleus Thibodeaux of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. GEO. BALDEY, Register. Dec. 30.-82

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE at New Orleans, La. Dec. 20, 1882.

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 27th of Jan. 1883, viz: Frank Plowden, jr Homestead No. 4630, for the NE. quarter of NW. quarter, lot 3 of NW. quarter of NE. Sec. 29, T. 12, S. 4 E Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Miles Joiner, jr James Joiner, Francois Jones and Henry Hunley of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. GEO. BALDEY, Register. Dec. 30.-82.

Succession Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
25TH DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF VERMILION,
No. 657.

Succession of James N. Dillon.

By virtue of an order of sale granted by the Honorable District Court, in and for the parish of Vermilion and State of Louisiana, in the matters of the above entitled and numbered succession, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of the deceased on

Tuesday, January 23rd 1883,

the following described property of said succession, to wit:

One lot of ground situated on Lake Pegneur in this parish, measuring one and one half arpent deep, starting from the termination point of section 19, township 12, south of range 5 east, on said lake and running thence, the said distance, due west, and containing about two and three quarter acres, bounded above by irregular section 61, south by irregular section 62, the former belonging to Gregoin Aucoin, the latter to the succession of C. H. Remick, west by Philosin Gang, and east by said Lake Pegneur.

One dwelling house—one corn crib—lot of fencing around yard and garden pickets—6 head of hogs—1 gentle horse—1 buggy and harness—3 gentle cows and calves—2 yearling calves—1 branding iron—1 lot of household furniture, beadsteads, bedding, &c.—1 lot of kitchen utensils—1 lot of crockery—and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms:—Cash.

Given under my official signature, at office, in the town of Abbeville, this 23d day of December A. D., 1882.

G. B. SHAW, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE at New Orleans, La. Dec. 12, 1882.

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 Jan. 22nd 1883, viz: Alcide Hebert, Homestead No. 4553, for the NW. quarter, Sec. 21, T. 11, S. 3 East Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Jos. V. Guidry, Theo. J. Abshire, Emile Baudoin and Odilon Prejean of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

GEO. BALDEY, Register.

Dec. 23.-82.(5t)

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STATE OF LOUISIANA,

TWENTYFIFTH DISTRICT COURT,

Parish of Vermilion.

No. 659.

Succession of Cleotilde Picard. Application of Aristide Picard to be appointed administrator of said succession.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the application of said applicant 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 of court this 25th day of Nov. 1882.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, clerk.

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POLICE JURY

MONDAY, OCT., 2nd 1882.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

PARISH OF VERMILION.

The Police Jury of the State and Parish aforesaid met this day in regular session at the Court House in Abbeville.

Present:—Howard Hoffpauir, President, and the following members, viz:—Messrs. Broussard, Vanslyke and Trahan.

Absent:—Thibeaux, Nunez and Primeaux.

The following named commissioner of unbranded stock made due written reports and the same were ordered filed, viz:

2nd ward Austi Lee, said (net) for \$ 18 75.

3rd ward Demosthen Trahan (u sale).

5th ward John Morgan sold (net) for \$ 23 15. For which respective sums, they exhibited the Treasurer's receipt.

Theolin Landry was appointed Road Overseer of the 3rd road district vice F D Leleu excused on account of over age.

F Despanet Legue was appointed road overseer for the 11th road district vice Clement Fletcher excused on account of ill-health.

Onesiphore Leblanc was likewise appointed for the 4th district vice M C Broussard excused for same reason.

Art. 1st resolved, that the 10th and 11th road districts commencing at the north end of the Abbeville bridge until it strikes the forks of said two road districts, be and the same are changed in the following particulars, viz: To run north from the foot of the Abbeville bridge following the lines that separate the lands of David Front and Desire Leblanc then continuing the same direction until it strikes the corner of Boniface Bigot's present pasture or field fence, turning said corner towards the east and following said fence until it strikes the lands of the Primeaux then turning north, following the lines that separate the lands of Boniface Bigot and the Primeaux until it strikes the small bridge built and used as a public road being the forks of the said 10th and 11th road district. The said change is to have no effect until the said Bigot shall by authentic act donate to the parish the right of way sufficiently wide for a public road and provided no expense whatever shall accrue to the parish in consequence of said change.

Art. 2nd resolved, that Messrs Paulin Decuir, U W Stansbury, Gerard Decuir, Alex Moss, Sarazin Hebert, Joseph T Guidry, Nathan Perry and Henry C Harrington, be and they are hereby appointed a jury of freeholders to trace and lay off a public road from Perry's Bridge to Cypress point, and that they make due report at the next regular meeting of this body.

Art. 3rd resolved, that the following change be made to the 13 h road district, viz: After crossing Grosce Isle Coulee where it crosses the line between W L Vanslyke and Dr J B Ramsey shall continue along the line between said W L Vanslyke and Dr J B Ramsey and thence along the line between said Vanslyke and Bagley Bros, to the public road again on the land of said Bagley Bros. Provided:—That the said W L Vanslyke work the new road and put it in good travelling order; also to execute an authentic act of donation in favor of the parish of said land in due form of law, and that no expense shall accrue to the parish in consequence of said change.

Art. 4th resolved, that the resolution passed by this body allowing the Clerk of the District Court to purchase at the expense of the parish the necessary stationery for the use of the Court [except record books] be and the same is hereby repealed.

Onesime Meaux, road overseer for the 5th road district, was authorized to purchase for account of the parish, the quantity of lumber he asked for by his written request, to be used in building bridges in his said district.

On motion of Mr. Broussard.

Art. 5th resolved, that the Police Jury of the parish of Lafayette be respectfully requested to appoint a committee of three or more members of their body or outside, for the purpose of meeting a similar committee to be appointed by this body for the purpose of devising means and measures in order to build jointly a bridge on the public road crossing the Coulee des Noix which is the dividing line between this and the parish of Lafayette,

Art. 6th be it further resolved, that the President of this body appoint a committee of three members, including himself, to consult and advise with the committee to be appointed by the Police Jury of the parish of Lafayette, should that body see proper to do so, and that said joint committee make due report to their respective bodies at an earlier date as possible.

The President appointed with himself, Messrs. A Vanslyke and J T Broussard.

The following claims were allowed and ordered paid out of their respective funds, viz:—

Criminal funds of 1882.

Lastie Broussard \$ 27 25

G B Shaw, sheriff 84 00

L Broussard assignee (see list 50 91

Laurent Ragueur 1 87

O Bourque assignee (see list 9 91

E Dechamps, jr 3 81

S Wise assignee (see list 10 05

G B Shaw sheriff 6 00

S Wise assignee G E Lyons 109 00

Magistrate's &c, funds 1882.

H B Lyons constable 34 00

Gilbert Labauve j p 3 00

W B White j p 12 00

Printers & Stationers, 1882.

G B Shaw 9 00

E. I. Addison, 3 quarters, 310 00

Police Jury funds 1882:

Solomon Wise 12 00

Isaac Wise 25 00

H B Lyons 12 00

Ambroise Lacour 31 50

Road & Bridge funds 1882:

S Wise 3 claims 88 00

Remy Broussard 2 50

Grand & Petit Jury &c funds 1882:

J C White, jury com'r 2 50

N C Young " 2 00

A Lacour " 3 50

On motion the Jury then adjourned until Monday the 9th inst.

HOWARD HOFFPAUIR,

President Police Jury.

ABROISE LACOUR,

Clerk Police Jury.

—Monday Oct. 9th 1882.—

The Police Jury met this day according to adjournment at the Court House in Abbeville.

Were present Howard Hoffpauir, president and the following members viz:—Messrs. Broussard, Trahan and Vanslyke.—Absent:—Messrs. Thibeaux, Nunez and Primeaux.

On motion L C Lyons was appointed to act as Clerk Pro Tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following appointments as Clerks at the differing precincts were made as follows, viz:

1st precinct M. C. Broussard,

2d " C. A. Mousset,

3d " W. R. Ellis,

4th " Severin Broussard,

5th " Howard Hoffpauir,

6th " H. C Harrington,

7th " Ambroise Mousset,

8th " D. C. Rose,

9th " A. Ragazoni,

And that the clerk of this body issue notices to said parties of their appointments.

Resolved that we give to the sheriff the following credits on lines charged against him by the Finance committee, to wit:

Fines against Victor Guidry for 1880 \$ 118 00

Fine against Walter Henderson for 1880 10 00

Fees due Charg is dist aty at exp term of dist court 32 90 00

One jury no ice of Perry Trahan 10 00

Coms due Chargeois on for feited bond of Stephen Foreman of \$125 at 20 00 0

also the sum of \$4 05 error in coms allowed sheriff on licenses for year '82 4 05

Fine of F M Levy 25 00

Receipt for fines by him col for '80-'81-'82 625 00

Receipts for taxes collected on rolls of '77-'78-'80-'81-'82 1681 52

Receipts for licenses of '82 384 75

" " forfeited bond of Stephen Ashworth for coms for col of all fines to date at rate of 10 00 0 on amount of \$921 00 making the sum of

92 10

Total amount \$ 2,965 42

As per report of finance committee of Oct 2nd

1882 charges col 3,243 94

By credit as above stated 2,965 42

Leaving bal against sheriff & tax collector, \$ 283 00

Resolved that the finance committee be instructed to investigate and ascertain how this discrepancy arises and make report at the next meeting of this body.

Be it resolved that the surplus funds in hands of the Treasurer for years previous to 1882 to the amount of Two thousand dollars be appropriated and paid pro rata on judgments and claims which have been presented to the finance committee, said pro rata to be made by the finance committee making their report to the Police Jury at the next meeting.

The following claims were allowed To D. M. Lyons, Assessor, out of Mag. Phys. Coll. & Assessor funds of 1882 \$ 437 50

To G. B. Shaw, out of Criminal Pros. fund 1882 54 50

On motion the Jury adjourned to the first Monday in December 188