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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Election First Tuesday in November next. For Representative.

We are authorized to announce W. C. MARTIN as a candidate for the next Legislature of the State of Louisiana.

For Parish Judge. Judge N. J. SCOTT announces himself a candidate for re-election to the office of Parish Judge for the parish of Claiborne, La., at the next November election.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. RICHARDSON as a candidate for the office of Parish Judge of Claiborne parish, at the next election.

For Sheriff. We are authorized to announce J. F. PETERSON as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Claiborne parish, at the next election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff for the parish of Claiborne.

H. W. KIRKPATRICK. With grateful appreciation, I acknowledge the honor done me by those who have solicited and petitioned me to become a candidate for Parish Judge.

J. H. JORDAN. At Haynesville on the 18th day of July a convention will be held of all Sunday Schools in Claiborne parish under the control of the Louisiana conference of the M. E. Church South.

Cash Receipts. We will continue to publish under this heading the names of those who each week pay up their subscriptions.

J. R. Monk, \$2.50 - T. N. Bohn, \$1.25 Madison Turner, 1.00

Don't You Forget It. All communications, notices, cards, explanatory or otherwise, in short anything which is written in the interest of a candidate or about a candidate in any way, manner, shape or form, must be paid for.

An interesting communication upon our village cemetery is published in another column.

Ask Mr. HARRIS to show you some of those books that he is advertising so largely. You can examine and use your pleasure about buying.

Whoever finds it necessary to purchase groceries or confectioneries will make money by examining the stock and prices of W. J. TAYLOR.

WILLIE ELLINGTON does not propose to have us say anything extravagant about his way of doing business. We are under instructions confining us to the simple fact that he will allow none of his competitors to sell better or cheaper goods than he.

The Kentucky Cane Mill has wrought Iron Shafts, cleaned Gearing, Rollers separate from gears; parts distinct and easily repaired, at small cost, when worn out or broken; is strong and economical, and is fully guaranteed. For descriptive circulars, apply to CONWAY & BUCKLEW, Shreveport, La.

Arizona School. The annual examination exercises of the various schools throughout the parish are attracting many visitors.

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Supposed Murder and Robbery.

Mr. James W. Coyle, of Red Land, in Bossier parish, has called upon us upon a very singular mission. He is commissioned by the citizens of Red Land and vicinity to come to Homer and vicinity and learn what facts he may in regard to a traveler who it is thought has been foully dealt with about three-quarters of a mile east of Red Land. The facts are about these: A gentleman was put across Martin's ferry, on Bosceon, on the 12th day of June, late in the evening, riding a black pony, two white hind feet, and white about one inch above hoof of right fore foot; had an old pair of saddle-bags without flaps, saddle half-rig, and martingales, the latter seemingly quite new; the saddle seemed to have been used about six months. The rider was dressed in domestic shirt, coat carried on the saddle, wore cottonade pants, and was slightly built though tall. His statement to the ferryman was that his destination was Texas. After crossing the ferry he enquired at two houses for lodging, but was refused at both places. When refused the last time it was deep dusk. The next morning the pony was found about three-fourths of a mile east of Red Land, on a road traveled but seldom, at which place it remained until the next Sunday, June the 16th. It was then taken away, and search made for the missing man. In the above we have used almost verbatim the language of the writer of the statement borne by Mr. Coyle. Mr. Charles Buchner, a very intelligent young gentleman of Red Land.

Mr. Coyle, in pursuit of information, found that the traveler had spent the night of the 11th inst. with Jesse A. Anderson near Gordon in this parish. There he gave his name as Jones. He is described as being tall and dark complexion, with plenty of money. Mr. Anderson and his brother identified the pony. He stated to Mr. Anderson that he was from Mississippi, had been visiting in that state near Jackson. His father and mother lived in the northern part of Arkansas. He was on his way to Nacogdoches, Texas, at which place an uncle resided who was engaged in merchandising. Mr. Coyle informs us that suspicion points to the fact that he was murdered by a negro on a place owned by Mr. Joe Franks near Red Land. The ferryman received from the suspected party, a silver coin which he can identify as one given in change to the traveler. At the time Mr. Coyle left Red Land no extended investigation had been made, but the whole community were about to turn out and search for the body. The people of Red Land deserve great commendation for their efforts to clear up this mysterious affair. We hope that they will succeed in ferreting out all the facts and bring the offender to justice.

[Communicated.] The Homer Grave-Yard.

In coming into Homer recently from a long absence, the first object of change that attracted my attention was the improved condition of the grave-yard. It has a new and well-constructed fence, calculated in the absence of any special violence to stand for a long while. And the front entrance is elegantly and tastefully arranged. But I found in wandering about among the graves much neglect. In three or four instances, where old graves have been opened through mistake, they have not been re-filled, but left open, in a most unbecoming and to say shocking condition. This should be attended to at once; and it should be made a punishable offense—as it is certainly a crime against decency and humanity—for any one willfully to leave a grave in such condition. If an old grave is opened through mistake in digging a new one, let it at once be re-filled—and let those thus neglecting the first dictates of humanity and common decency be made to suffer. And it might be well to have a committee to go over the grave-yard and examine closely and mark the spots of all old graves that are at all distinguishable.

There is nothing that more strikingly tells of the true civilization of a community than a well kept and beautified grave-yard; and nothing is more brutal and barbaric than its neglect.

Homer now has church buildings that are a credit to her; and let her grave-yard be kept in an equally creditable condition.

ONE WHO RESPECTS THE DEAD. June 24, 1878.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Under this head we publish such articles as our patrons choose to write upon matters of public interest. It must be understood that we are in no way responsible for the views, criticisms, plans, &c., which appear in this column.—ED. GUARDIAN.

HAYNESVILLE, LA., June 15, 1878. D. B. HAYES, Esq.

Dear Sir—As a member of the police jury perhaps it is proper for me to explain why Mr. J. H. Simmons was not retained as Parish Treasurer. Mr. Simmons is doubtless held in grateful esteem by every member of the board. He has eminent qualifications and discharged the duties of the position to the entire satisfaction of the police jury, and the whole people so far as I am informed. He deserves, and doubtless has, the thanks of all our citizens who were in position to judge of his very efficient and faithful services. I will go further and say frankly and candidly, without mental reservation, that if personal considerations had guided me, his valuable services would have been retained so far as my support extended. As between he and Mr. Moore, as honorable, high-toned christian gentlemen, I know no difference—both are worthy and responsible, and judged entirely competent to discharge the duties of the position. It was understood that Mr. Simmons demanded an increase of his salary to \$400. Mr. Moore was willing to assume the responsibility and discharge the duties of the office for \$270—being \$130 less, and we believe that no interest of the parish would suffer by the change. Our "disaffection" was "only this and nothing more." The "bad precedent" referred to editorially should have been qualified by the term competent "lowest bidder" as that was understood and expressed in our deliberations. Respectfully, W. S. COPELAND.

Those persons who have had their pianos repaired and tuned by Prof. A. A. Wheeler are pleased with his work. We call attention to his notice in this day's paper. We can assure all those who procure the services of Prof. Wheeler that they will find no cause for dissatisfaction.

Evaporators, Pans, Sugar Kettles, Sheet Copper, Galvanized Sheet Iron, Straw Cutters, Cider Mills, Faughl Deering Horse Powers, and Hardware in general, for sale by CONWAY & BUCKLEW, Shreveport, La.

A Dishonest Age. Among the characteristics of the times we are living in there is one not much mentioned by the many popular speakers, who seem to think the men they speak to are to be benefited chiefly by being assured how much wiser and better and more "progressive" they are than any of their fathers were, who suppose the age is to be instructed by being flattered, and that the country needs to be glorified rather than purified; which was certainly not the way of the old prophets.

The characteristic I mean is dishonesty. I am not discrediting any of the actual modern merits—intelligence, enterprise, invention, philanthropy. Grant all these, in large degree. Nevertheless, they do not bring with them honesty in proportion. Falsehood and fraud flourish along with them, in spite of them, and in some cases by the help of them. From the vulgar sediment of society, up to its highest summits, there spreads a tremendous force of selfish materialism—call it sharpness or call it crime—by which men reach after and snatch and call their own, for use or show or for hoarding, what is not theirs. It is stolen ingeniously and indirectly, and in such ways that the old forms of law, which undertook to punish outright robbery, fail to overtake them. Not in a few rare spots, but in every spot where two or three hundred people live together, a part of these people consume or lay up or waste what belongs to other people, and what they have managed to get by some species of deception. What natural production of the earth is there, meant for the sustenance or comfort of man, that is not adulterated by some degrading mixture, or shortened in the measure?

Do not the devices of Anglo-Saxon traffic repeat in faithful exactness the devices of the Jew, denounced by the prophet, making the ephah of the seller small and the shekel of the buyer large; selling the refuse for wheat, and falsifying the balance by deceit? What line of mechanical work is there where the base material, or shabby construction, or the overcharge, does not disgrace the handicraft? What branch of commerce without its delusive labels, its broken promises, its advertising fictions, its postponed payments, its calculated bankruptcies, its hollow contracts? Men who will not suffer their respectability to be challenged, look one another in the face, and with a mutual jiggery of knavish tricks conspire to grow rich by villainy. The brilliant audacities of the great commercial centers have their lame and creeping copies, hardly less cruel or callamitous, back in the little rural villages, in sight of graveyards where sleep the ashes of clean handed ancestors, living and dying, in their day, in the faith of a God who has righteousness and judgment for the habitation of his throne. Outside the church are financial

Ahabs and social Jezebels. Inside are Ananias and Sapphira, tacitly agreeing to lie to the Holy Ghost, pretending to give to God, for missions or Bible societies, a hush-money fragment of what they have seized from their fellowmen. Too often there is no Peter with the courage to search out their sin: "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much." The grand difficulty with our popular piety is that it is still trying to find a way, in this nineteenth century of the gospel, of serving two gods together.—Bishop Huntington.

It appears the settled conviction about the war department at Washington that we are to have another Indian war this summer, and that we may deem ourselves fortunate if we can confine the discontent to tribes already in arms against us. The mutinous spirit seems to have infected about every tribe that Sittling Bull's emissaries have been able to reach. With no data on which to found such charges other than that furnished by the history of our Indian policy, the dishonesty, incompetency, or both, of Indian agents are made largely responsible for the present outbreak, and there is certainly everything in the past to give color to such suspicions, though nothing, perhaps, in the present situation to positively prove its correctness.—Shreveport Times.

The penitentiary system of Georgia appears to be an easy road to reform. According to the Oglethorpe Echo, the convicts on Alexander's farm are allowed to gamble. One of the convicts, a horse thief named McCord, won all the money of his fellow-prisoners in a week's time and then broke the guard. A wheel of fortune should be introduced for the amusement of these fatigued villains.—Atlanta Constitution.

Silver is so plenty in Hartford, Connecticut, that at a recent circus performance there almost all the money taken in was of that metal. The circus company's treasurer had a bill of \$400 to pay a railroad company for transportation and sent the sum in a coal hod.

Piano Tuning and Repairing. DURING the vacation of the Masonic Female Institute, I will attend to the above business in this and adjoining parishes. I have a full supply of material, and am prepared to do the best of work. Orders directed to me through Homer post-office, or left at Joe Shelton's Drug Store, promptly attended to. A. A. WHEELER, June 26, 1878. 46:1m

RETURN MY BOOKS. PERSONS having any of my Books are requested to return them. There is missing a library edition of Webster's Dictionary which I especially want—about half the size of the "Unabridged." W. JASPER BLACKBURN, Homer, La., June 19, 1878. 44:3m

Sheriff's Sale. W. W. & J. L. Brown vs. J. H. Hines.—In Parish Court of Webster parish, No. 37. State of Louisiana, Parish of Claiborne.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Parish Court in and for the parish of Webster, said State, in the above entitled suit, I have received and will proceed to sell, to the last and highest bidder, within the legal hours of sale, at the Court-house door in the town of Homer, on the First Saturday in August, A. D. 1878, it being the 3rd day of said month, the undivided interest of said J. H. Hines, as one of the heirs of John W. Hines, dec'd, in the following described property, situated in Claiborne parish, to wit:

The south half of the southwest quarter of section 25; the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 31; the east half of the northeast quarter and northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 31; the west half of the west half and northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 32, in township 23, range 7—410 acres more or less, with all the improvements thereon.

Terms of sale cash, with the benefit of appraisement. H. W. KIRKPATRICK, Sheriff. June 26, 1878. [pf \$10.50] 45:3m

Assessment and Census Notice. I WILL attend at the following named places, on the days specified, (assisted by Mr. M. R. Bryan,) for the purpose of Revising and Correcting the Assessment Rolls, of taking the Census, and of Enrolling the Militia, and hope the people in the several neighborhoods will meet me promptly: Sumnerfield, Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28; Alabama Church, Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30; Scottville, Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4; Colquitt, Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8; Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 and 13; Haynesville, Monday and Tuesday, June 17 and 18; Wiley's Mill, Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22; Hasty's X Roads, Monday and Tuesday, June 24 and 25; Curry's Sch. House, Monday and Tuesday, July 1 and 2; Eureka, Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9; Athens, Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13; Tallip, Wednesday and Thursday, July 17 and 18; Macedonia Church, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23 and 24; Heard's Sch. House, Monday and Tuesday, July 29 and 30; Kimbelltown, Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6; Lisbon, Monday and Tuesday, August 12 and 13; Arizona, Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17. Office open at Courthouse in Homer all the time. Every taxpayer is expected to present a correct list of his or her taxable property, that the revision may be complete. A. B. LESUEUR, Assessor. May 20, 1878. 40:13

The Cheapest Place in Shreveport to buy DRY GOODS, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Is at the popular Dry Goods House of S. G. DREYFUS, Corner of Texas and Spring Streets. April 17, 1878. 35:6m

FREE A VALUABLE INVENTION. THE WORLD RENOWNED WILSON SEWING MACHINE. In workmanship is equal to a Chronometer Watch, and as elegantly finished as a first-class Piano. It received the highest awards at the Vienna and Centennial Expositions. IT SEWS ONE-FOURTH FASTER than other machines. Its capacity is unlimited. There are more WILSON MACHINES sold in the United States than the combined sales of all the others. The WILSON MENDING ATTACHMENT, for doing all kinds of repairing, WITHOUT PATCHING, given FREE with each machine. AGENTS WANTED. WILSON SEWING MACHINE CO. 827 & 829 Broadway, New York; New Orleans, La.; Cor. State & Madison Sts., Chicago, Ill.; and San Francisco, Cal. FOR SALE BY ALL FIRST-CLASS DEALERS.

M. ROOS, Wholesale Dealer in Havana & Domestic Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, Snuff, Whiskies, Wines and Brandies, No. 2 on the Levee, Shreveport, Louisiana. May 15, 1878. 39:6m

E. PHELPS, Fashionable Shoe and Hat House, 21 Texas Street... Shreveport, La. Boots, SHOES and HATS from the best Manufacturers, and will be sold at prices to defy competition. Any style of Boots, Shoes and Hats can be ordered. April 24, 1878. 36-

UTZ & SMITH, Dealers in Heavy & Shelf Hardware, Machinery, Iron Pipe and Fittings, Agricultural Implements, Mitchell Wagons, Engineers' Supplies, Belting, &c., Nos. 8, 10 and 12 Spring Street, SHREVEPORT, LA. April 24, 1878. 36:y

JULIUS A. JACOBS, DEALER IN Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, &c., No. 28 Texas Street, SHREVEPORT, LA. Oct. 17, 1877. 9:1y

STAR CLOTHING AND Furnishing Goods House, M. LEVY & CO., 17 Texas Street... 17 SHREVEPORT, LA. Oct. 17, 1877. 9:1y

T. Poland, H. O. Janin, THOMAS POLAND & CO., Cotton Factors, Wholesale Grocers, Receiving and Forwarding Merchants, Corner of Crocket and Levee Sts., SHREVEPORT, LA. Oct. 17, 1877. 9:1y

N. Gregg, R. W. Ford, GREGG & FORD, COTTON FACTORS, AND General Commission Merchants, Dealers in Groceries and Western Produce, Agents for Pratt's Improved Revolving Head Gin, 30, 31 and 33 Levee, SHREVEPORT, LA. Oct. 17, 1877. 9:1y

GREAT AMERICAN COOKING STOVE. N. W. MURPHY, MANUFACTURER of all kinds of TINWARE and HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS. Dealer in all kinds of Heating and Cooking Stoves. No. 9 Levee Street, Shreveport, La. Oct. 17, 1877. 9:1y

Cumpston Hotel, Milan Street, between Spring and Market, SHREVEPORT, LA. ONE Block from Railroad Depot; one and a half Blocks from Steamboat Landing. New Building four stories high, with all modern improvements and conveniences. Prices reasonable.—Accommodations superior. JAMES CUMPTON, Proprietor. Oct. 17, 1877.—9:1y

Notice of Dissolution. THE partnership heretofore existing between J. B. & T. H. Moreland has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.—Parties indebted to the firm will settle with either member of the firm, whose receipt will be valid. Every taxpayer is expected to present a correct list of his or her taxable property, that the revision may be complete. J. B. MORELAND, T. H. MORELAND. Dec. 23, 1877. 30:6m

WM. ENDERS, MANUFACTURER & DEALER, No. 15 Texas Street, SHREVEPORT, LA. HAS for sale, at wholesale and retail, a full line of the following goods: Furniture, Chairs, Mattresses, Window Shades and Pictures, Wall Paper, Looking Glass Plates, Children's Carriages, Picture and Cornice Mouldings, Feathers, Spring Bottom and Upholstery Goods &c. Sent for Price List. Nov. 7, 1877. 12:6m

MRS. M. GALL, BOARDING & LODGING, No. 22 Milan Street, One Block from Railroad Depot and Steamboat Landing, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. BEST and Cheapest Board in the City. Good Table, Comfortable Rooms, Clean Beds, Polite Attention. Call and see for yourself. Sept. 25, 1877.—6:y

W. H. ELLINGTON, HOOPER, LA. Family and Fancy Groceries, PRICES, SUPPLIES OF All Kinds. The best of everything at the lowest prices. Call at the old Furniture Store, opposite the Court-house. Jan. 16, 1878. 32-

WEEKLY TRIPS TO SHREVEPORT. I WILL make weekly trips to Shreveport—leaving Homer on Monday morning. The best attention will be given to all orders. Prices low for hauling and commission charged for small purchases. E. G. THOMAS, 30:3m

BEEF AND PORK. I GIVE NOTICE NOW, THAT FROM this date until further notice, I will have meat at the market house in Homer, every TUESDAY and SATURDAY Morning. My meat will be of the best quality, nicely dressed and as cheap as can be sold in this market. Will open regularly three times a week with the beginning of the season. THOMAS D. KINDER, 38-

Pensioners! Pensioners!! SOLDIERS, and Sailors and enlisted men of War of 1812 or Indian Wars, their widows, all pensioners whose names have been dropped from the rolls, can now secure pensions. Send stamp, with full history of case to PRESBYTER & GREEN, Patent Attorneys, 509 7th st., Washington, D. C. April 3, 1878. 33:1m

Upholstery and Mattress-Making. THE undersigned announces to the people of Claiborne parish that he is engaged in the UPHOLSTERY business in all its branches. Furniture repaired, cleaned and varnished. MATTRESSES made to order; old ones repaired and worked over. Shop on North Main street, in rear of A. W. Barrow's Store. JULIUS LANGHELD, Sept. 12, 1877. 4:6m

Notice of Final Account. Succession of N. Bartlett, Dec'd. State of Louisiana, Parish of Claiborne. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That B. D. N. Harrison, Public Administrator, has this day filed in my office his final account in the above succession.

Now, therefore, unless opposition thereto be made within the time prescribed by law, the same will be allowed, homologated and made a judgment of the Court. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, on this 3d day of June, A. D. 1878. DREW FERGUSON, Clk. D. C. June 5, 1878. 42:31

Dr. J. L. AVERY, Dentist, HOMER, LA. PERFORMS all Dental Operations at reasonable prices. Makes Artificial Teeth a specialty. Persons wishing my services in the country will please leave orders at Gill's store. REFERENCES—Persons whom I have put up Teeth for all over the country during the past fifteen years. May 22, 1878. 40:6m