

One Minute is all the time necessary to decide from personal experience that One Minute Cough Cure does what its name implies. L. J. Menville.

Mr. J. E. LeBlanc, who for the past three years has made his home in Assumption parish spent several days this week with friends and relatives in Houma.

Torturing, itching, scaly skin eruptions, burns and scalds are soothed at once and promptly healed by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, the best known cure for piles. L. J. Menville.

The Courier wishes to again call the attention of the travelling public to the penalty of \$5.00 attached to driving four mules wagons, three mules carts or heavy drays over the bayou Lacache road. This road is intended only for the use of light vehicles.

Don't allow the lungs to be impaired by the continuous irritation of a cough. It is easier to prevent consumption than to cure it. One Minute Cough Cure taken early will ward off any fatal lung trouble. L. J. Menville.

Houma Fire Co. No. 1, has fixed Sunday, May 16th, 1897, for an Excursion from Houma to New Orleans, and return same day. Fare round trip \$1.50, children under 12 years of age 75 cts., for benefit of Building fund. Train leaves Houma at 8 o'clock A. M. Leaves New Orleans at 10:30 P. M.

It is surprising what a "wee bit of a thing" can accomplish. Sick headache, constipation, dyspepsia, sour stomach, dizziness, are quickly banished by De Witt's Little Early Risers. Small pill. Safe pill. Best pill. L. J. Menville.

CHURCH NOTICE

The subject of universal salvation will be discussed at 11 a. m., at the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Mr. Young of Thibodaux, who cordially invites the public to attend. All seats free. Evening services will be discontinued for the present.

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Dr. Felix A. Silvestre.

The sudden demise of Dr. F. A. Silvestre which took place Friday, March 6th, 1897, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., was a great shock to his personal and professional friends who had no idea that he was seriously sick. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

The deceased was born in Guadalupe, West Indies, March 18th, 1846. He received most of his early education in France, and coming to New Orleans when 19 years old, he entered the medical department of Tulane and took degrees in chemistry, medicine and surgery. He was at one time assistant coroner of Orleans parish under Dr. Lemonier and in 1882 gave up the duties of that office and located in Houma. Being fitted by nature and education for the profession of his choice he soon established a lucrative practice, and at the same time won the esteem of his brother physicians of this place. In 1873 deceased was married to Helen Byrnes of New Orleans, who died in 1884, leaving two children, Louise, now Mrs. Calvin H. Wurzelow, and Felicie Silvestre. In November 1885 he married Mary I. L. Bourg, a daughter of Mr. Aubin Bourg, the present popular clerk of court of this parish. In 1893 his second wife died leaving only one child, Jeanne Silvestre. The deceased leaves relatives in Guadalupe and France, and a brother, Eugene Silvestre, who is now a druggist of New Orleans La.

EXECUTED.

Willis Edmunds Pays The Penalty Of His Crime.

Said He Committed The Deed And Deserved The Punishment He Received.

Willis Edmunds the young negro who attempted to ravish Miss Pellegrin last May was hung yesterday, in the parish jail yard.

His last words were "Do not do as you see me do."

Promptly at 12:02 p. m. he walked on the scaffold, the drop fell at 12:06 and at 12:16 Coroner Duval pronounced him dead.

Edmunds was calm, the nervousness he showed for several days before the execution having nearly altogether left him. In a short speech to the crowd inside of the jail yard, he confessed that he committed the crime with which he was charged, and said he deserved to die. He said that he had repented and was ready to face his Maker. He continued to talk while the noose was being placed around his neck and soon after he uttered his last words Sheriff Connely cut the rope and the body dropped from a height of nine feet. Death was almost instantaneous.

Yesterday was perpetrated on the morning of May 18th, 1896. He selected an isolated section of the public road, between Mr. E. H. Barrow's Myrtle Grove and Roberts Grove plantations.

On that morning Miss Elvira Pellegrin left her home with the intention of visiting a friend. She resided on the opposite side of bayou Terrebonne from the public road and had to cross the Myrtle Grove bridge. As she did so she saw Willis Edmunds pass by going in the direction which she had to take. He did not follow the public road but kept close to the bayou side where he was partly hidden by weeds and the hedge that separates the public road from the bayou. The young lady took only casual notice of the negro, as such a thought that she would be attacked on the public thoroughfare in broad day light never once entered her head.

As she passed one of the openings in the hedge she was suddenly confronted by Willis Edmunds who had a stick in his hand. Before she could realize the danger she was in, Edmunds grabbed her by the throat and tried to throw her to the ground. In this he partly succeeded, but the young lady who is a stout Creole girl and made stronger by the terrible predicament in which she found herself, struggled heroically and finally succeeded in tearing herself away from the black brute.

She did not succeed in getting out of her way, however, for the negro, transformed into a greater demon by his first failure to accomplish his hellish purpose picked up a stick of wood and struck the young girl a fearful blow on the head. She fell to her knees completely stunned by the blow.

At that moment a merciful Providence willed that the unfortunate young girl should be saved from the awful fate that seemed to stare her in the face, for Jim Robertson, a respected middle aged negro, who was on his way in a sulky to Myrtle Grove, put in an appearance. Seeing that the girl was in the mercy of the young fiend, he whipped his horse and reached the scene in time to rescue Miss Pellegrin before the would-be-rapist could accomplish his purpose. He took her home in his sulky where the wounds, which proved to be very painful received attention.

Willis Edmunds then tried to make his escape but was captured as he was passing through the back of town by Justice Larrien.

That night as all of THE COURIER'S readers know an unsuccessful attempt was made to lynch Edmunds. A hole was dug through one of the walls of the jail by a crowd of indignant citizens; but on entering the building it was found that the prisoner was not there, having been previously conveyed to New Orleans by way of Gibson, under the direction of Sheriff Connely who considered it his sworn duty to protect the prisoner by all means in his power.

When Edmunds was brought to Terrebonne for trial last October the sentiment in favor of mob justice had given

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Card of Thanks.

We desire to tender to friends and relatives our heartfelt thanks for many kindnesses shown our late deceased, Mrs. Lafayette Watkins, during her last illness, and for attendance at the funeral. We especially desire to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. John Gaidry, Mr. and Mrs. Lulu Rouen, Mrs. John P. Rouen, Mr. Alexis Duplantis, Mrs. Theophile Chauvin, and Mr. Amedee Celestin for many manifestations of sympathy and valuable assistance tendered during the dark hour of our sorrow and distress. All of which is deeply appreciated by The Watkins Family.

An effort is being made by postmaster Jno. R. Grinage to secure an assistant to be paid by the government, and he has accordingly corresponded with the proper officials in regard to the matter. Houma certainly needs an assistant postmaster as their is entirely too much work connected with the office for one man to perform with satisfaction to the public. The business of the office ought to justify the postal department in providing for a salary for an assistant. The public is certainly interested in this subject. The quicker the mail is distributed the better will it be for those whose time is money, and can ill afford an hour or so waiting for their mail.

The many friends of Mr. Fred J. Louviere regretted to hear that he had resigned his position as assistant postmaster of Houma. During the short time Mr. Louviere was connected with the office he rapidly acquired the knack of distributing the mail, and old Uncle Sam himself would have smiled to see how fast the letters and packages were sent to their proper places. Mr. Louviere was polite and accommodating to all who visited the post office and, by his gentlemanly bearing engrafted himself into the good will of the public. Mr. Louviere has secured a position as public school teacher and took charge of his school last Monday.

E. E. Turner of Compton, Mo., writes us that after suffering from piles for seventeen years, he completely cured them by using three boxes of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cure eczema and severe skin diseases. L. J. Menville.

They are so small that the most sensitive persons take them, they are so effective that the most obstinate cases of constipation, headache and torpid liver yield to them. That is why De Witt's Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. L. J. Menville.

Many cases of "Grippe" have lately been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to the cure of this disease. It acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects in which this disease often leaves the patient. L. J. Menville.

WANTED to buy one or two lots in or near Houma, State size, locality, price and terms. Box 203 Houma.

EDMONDS CONFESSES.

A few hours before the execution the reporter of this paper sought an interview with Willis Edmunds who seemed very nervous and several times during the conversation that followed he seemed on the point of breaking down. The air of complete indifference that characterized him during his trial had disappeared, and he seemed to realize his hours on earth were very few in number.

In reply to questions asked him the condemned man said that he was born in Plaquemine, and when he was a small baby his father and mother moved to Terrebonne. Since then he resided in this parish. He did not know how old he was; but from other sources it was learned that he was between twenty and twenty-one years of age. He said he knew that he had done wrong, and deserved punishment for his crime; but had made his peace with his Maker, and was fully prepared to pay the penalty that the strong arm of law was about to inflict. He then confessed that he assaulted Miss Pellegrin with the intention of ravishing her, but declared that he was not actuated by any feeling of enmity toward the young lady or by any desire for revenge as he had no grudge against her.

He attributed his crime to the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors that he had acquired by association with dissipated young negroes. On the morning of the assault, while at the store on the Myrtle Grove plantation, some of these friends persuaded him to take several drinks with them. The doomed man spoke very bitterly of such friends.

Edmunds then gave a detailed account of the assault on Miss Pellegrin, which account was in substance the same as that given by the intended victim on the witness stand during the trial.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME. The crime for which Willis Edmunds paid the extreme penalty of the law

way to sober second thought, and as justice is nearly always meted out to criminals by Terrebonne juries, the citizens decided to let the law act.

The law did act and acted vigorously; for notwithstanding the fact that the court appointed able lawyers to defend Edmunds, lawyers who realized the nature of the responsibilities imposed on them by the court, and labored untiringly to save their client's neck, the jury after listening to the evidence, the brilliant speeches of the attorneys for the defense and State's attorney rendered an unqualified verdict of guilty.

The case was taken to the Supreme Court but that court sustained the verdict of the lower court.

TERREBONNE WINS THE BANNER.

Members of Terrebonne Lodge No. 3745 Knights of Honor were delighted to hear that their lodge won the prize banner, offered by the Grand Lodge to the lodge that at the expiration of the past year would show the largest increase in membership. The way the Terrebonne boys worked for the banner was a caution; but they were amply repaid for their labors. The Donaldsonville lodge won the banner during the year previous, with Terrebonne a close second. Mr. L. A. Fraisse, formerly of this place but now of New Orleans received a Past Dictators jewel. At its last meeting our local lodge K. of H. appropriated \$20 for the relief of the drouth sufferers. This amount was forwarded to the chairman of the state relief committee.

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Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericktown Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by The Standard Drug Store.



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THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans.

Huntsville Belt Line and Monte Sand Railroad Co Vs. No 49155, G. Herbert Ellerbe.

BY VIRTUE OF AND IN OBEEDIENCE TO A WRIT OF FIERI FAC emanating from the above named Court, in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale, at Public Auction to the last and highest bidder, in front of the Court House in the town of Houma, La., on SATURDAY, THE 27th. DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1897, Commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit: All of the writ, title and interest of G. Herbert Ellerbe, in and to a certain judgment, rendered and pronounced by the Honorable the 18th. Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the Parish of Terrebonne on the 27th. day of July, A. D. 1896, in the suit entitled G. H. Ellerbe vs. Henry C. Minor, No. 5541, on the Civil Docket of said Court.

Terms - Cash in U. S. Currency. For further particulars see judgment on file in Clerk's Office of Parish of Terrebonne.

A. W. CONNELLY, Sheriff of Terrebonne, Houma, La., March 13th, 1897.

NOTICE.

I have purchased the store formerly belonging to my brother, Mr. Wm. Bergeron, on Bayou Black, and in the future the business will be carried on in my name.

Feb. 20. HARRIS BERGERON, JR.