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NOTICE.—The members of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee are requested to meet at the Court House in the town of Opelousas, on Monday, May 4th, 1891, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the State Democratic Executive Committee, caused by the death of the Hon. Willis Prescott. M. R. Wilson, Chairman.

Pittsburgh coal at E. H. Vordenbaumen's lumber yard.

Mr. J. M. White began building Mr. Gus. E. Dupre's livery stable this week.

E. H. Vordenbaumen sells pine lumber at \$12 per M ft.

The machinery for sinking the artesian well is being got in position; and a large lot of material is on the ground.

Owing to the lack of material caused by partial failure of transportation, on account of high water, work on the Federal building is not going on rapidly.

It is expected that the decision in the Lottery mandamus suit will be rendered by the Supreme Court next Monday.

The Weekly New Delta, one of the best weeklies in the State, will be furnished with this paper at the low price of \$2.75 per year. Now is the time to subscribe.

W. Crawford Satterly, of St. Landry, and Miss Lillie Lenke, of Franklin, were married at the latter place, on the 6th inst.

We had frosts here Friday and Saturday, last week, and Sunday and Monday this week, and some ice on the latter two days. Considerable damage was done to vegetation; to gardens especially. It may be that some corn will have to be planted again. Very little cotton was up, and that was killed; some early rice was also killed.

A riot occurred in the mining regions of Pennsylvania last week, and fifteen miners were killed by the police. The latter say the miners made an attack on property they were guarding, and fired first; but other evidence shows the police fired first, and without sufficient provocation.

Last Saturday in Opelousas, Arthur Damas and Jesse Tyler, both colored, had some difficulty, and the former shot the latter with a pistol; but the pistol shot with very little force, or Tyler had a very tough hide or clothing, for the ball refused to enter—it struck him on the left side, and bounced back or fell to the ground, making only a slight wound or contusion.

Hon. Ethel Barksdale of Mississippi, has declared in favor of the sub-treasury scheme; and a contemporary calls him a convert to folly. Congress has enacted so many "follies" for other classes except farmers, that the latter may think it is about time for a "folly" to be jaded out to them. They might be satisfied if the enactment of "follies" for the benefit of so many others, who are growing, and have grown rich on them, were stopped.

Homer, April 3.—Sheriff Kirkpatrick returned this morning from Opelousas, La., having in custody Charley Brown, a white brickmason, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from E. Karlsburg in a game of poker some time since. Brown borrowed \$100 from Karlsburg, which he lost, and soon afterward left for Opelousas. On the trial before Justice Bridges to-day Brown pleaded not guilty, and, after testimony and evidence, the justice ordered Brown released.—Special to The Times-Democrat.

Last Sunday night, in Opelousas, Moses Jacob, colored, was giving his wife a beating, and she was crying murder. Messrs. C. M. Thompson and Henry Crawford, for humanity's sake attempted to interfere with his enforcement of his supposed marital rights, when he turned upon them, and with some instrument, supposed to be a brass-knuckle, struck Crawford such a blow on the head as to knock him against Thompson, and knock them both down. Thompson resorted to his pistol, and shot the belligerent Moses twice, but without inflicting dangerous wounds. Crawford was badly hurt.

WHO DID IT?

A colored postmaster was appointed for Vicksburg, Mississippi, not long since; and an indignation meeting was held to protest against, or denounce the appointment. The Senate adjourned, without confirming the appointment, and the President has re-appointed him. Notice of the appointment of Henry Bloch, as postmaster at Opelousas, appeared here in the daily papers, on Friday, March 27th. Except, in the way of gossip and street-corner talk, no notice was taken of it in Opelousas. Probably the reason for inaction was, that so many people in Opelousas are tainted with negrophilism that they felt bound by the law of estoppel. For many years, before the term of the present town council, the custom was to put from one to three colored men on the opposing tickets for members to that body, and white men voted for them; and some who are now crying for white supremacy sat on the board with them. If only those in Opelousas, who are sinless in this matter, cast the stones, there will not be many thrown. Besides, Opelousas or the first ward elected at the last election one colored justice of the peace and two colored constables, and no efforts were made to prevent their being commissioned. The same thing, as to colored constables, transpired on previous occasions. About a year since, Bloch applied to be appointed through Congressman Coleman, of one of the New Orleans districts; and Coleman's efforts to have him appointed were opposed by Gov. Warmoth and Mr. Louis Desmarais. The appointment was prevented until recently by this opposition. Mr. Coleman's term as Congressman expired on March 4th, and therefore he could no longer have any practical influence with the Federal administration. This left the power to have the appointment made, in the hands of Gov. Warmoth and Mr. Louis Desmarais. Without their influence it would not have been made. When Gov. Warmoth was appointed Collector of Customs for the part of New Orleans, there was sufficient opposition to him in the Republican party to prevent the confirmation of his appointment by the Senate, which had a Republican majority. He could not have been confirmed without the support of Democratic senators, and that support he actually got. Now the same influence that moved these Democratic senators to make Gov. Warmoth collector of customs for the part of New Orleans, could move Gov. Warmoth to have Henry Bloch appointed postmaster at Opelousas, or have any other Republican appointed, or have any Democrat appointed, or have the present incumbent retained, just as has been done in other postoffices in Southwestern Louisiana. One thing is certain, the Democratic officials, one or all, in this parish, had no influence with Gov. Warmoth or Mr. Louis Desmarais; for the latter opposed them in this parish at the last election, and Gov. Warmoth took the trouble to come here and make a speech against them. The key to the appointment is in the question: who had the ear of Gov. Warmoth and of Mr. Louis Desmarais?

The Italian government has greatly moderated its demands in regard to the New Orleans lynching. Only three of the victims were claimed to be Italian citizens, and the naturalization papers of one of them has been published. It is thought there is evidence that one or both of the others had voted in New Orleans. The demand of the Italian government meant that the lynchers should be punished, and that an indemnity should be paid the families of the victims. Mr. Blaine convinced the Italian government that the European despotic way of governmental execution of supposed criminals, without the intervention of judge or jury, did not prevail in this country. The people resort to that mode of doing business sometimes; but the national, or any State government, would not dare do it. That is one of the reserved rights. As to the indemnity, that is to be seen about.

Messrs. H. & L. B. Chachere, having secured the services of a competent druggist from New Orleans, desire to state to the public generally that their drug store on Landry street, between Main and Court streets, is now opened permanently. Drugs, medicines, fancy goods, etc., will always be found at this establishment. Prescriptions filled promptly and at all times.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. E. Bailey, druggist.

The following is the appeal taken by the N. O. Pacific Railway Co. in case of Eloi Busnell, and to which I referred in a recent article. My answer will be next given.
Respectfully,
GEORGE O. ELMS.
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Before the Secretary.
Eloi Busnell vs. New Orleans Pacific Railway Company.
Involving S¹/₂ NW¹/₄ and N¹/₂ SW¹/₄ Sec. 35, T. 5. S., R. 1 W., New Orleans, La.
The New Orleans Pacific Railway Company hereby appeals to the Secretary of the Interior from the Commissioner's decision of January 10th, 1891, in the above-entitled case, holding the selection of the Company for cancellation.

Error assigned.—Holding that title to the tract in controversy was in the State of Louisiana at date of selection by virtue of the outstanding certification for the benefit of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company.
Argument.—The land in controversy was restored to the public domain by the Act of July 14, 1870, and the outstanding certification thereby nullified.
D. A. MCKNIGHT,
Attorney for R'y Co.
Last Saturday while a cart drawn by two oxen, with a colored driver, was crossing the bridge at Lasalle's store, Narcisse Richard, also colored, drew up in a sulky, close to the ditch by the sidewalk, to let the cart pass. The driver of the cart, with plenty of room on his right for another wagon to pass, deliberately drove against the sulky and turned it over into the ditch. The horse became frightened and ran towards Mr. J. M. White's lot, dragging Richard whose legs were latched in the sulky. The horse turned to plunge into the hay or go along the narrow uneven strip of land between the bayou and the fence, when Mr. White fortunately caught the horse, and without doubt saved Richard's life. The sulky was broken. We have frequently noticed the disposition of some wagon drivers to push lighter vehicles out of the road; and the police jury should enact an ordinance enjoining drivers to keep to the right side of the road, under a penalty.

Political nomenclature is becoming numerous and complex. Besides Democrats and Republicans, there are anti-Lottery Democrats and anti-Lottery Republicans (a few of them.) Farmers' Union Democrats and Farmers' Union Republicans, Farmers' Union anti-Lottery Democrats and Farmers' Union Lottery Democrats (a few of them,) and the most curious political phenomenon is, there are some anti-nigger Republicans. The politician who brings order out of this political chaos, and secures a victory, will deserve a monument of brass. John A. Morris may do it, for he has contributed mostly to make chaos.

The time for another distribution of offices is approaching, and the political pot begins to boil. Calcasieu has two Democratic committees; and this parish is not politically certain just now about anything, except that prospective candidates are numerous as the leaves that strewed the vale of Valambrosa.

After passing the winter in the North the beautiful and accomplished Miss Adah Hollingsworth is now at her home in Shreveport; and at the request of our music-loving people she has consented to sing here on the night of the 17th inst., and give half of the gross proceeds to the Catholic church. We can safely promise her a large house on her return here.

The Parish Farmers' Union was held at Bellevue Thursday and Friday of last week; at the time of going to press, the proceedings had not reached us.

The African Methodists are about to build a church in Opelousas, to be located in the southwestern part of town.

The A-tak-a-pa Family and Plantation Remedies for sale by all Druggists.

The police jury will meet next Monday.

Happy Hoosiers. 2
Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle, at F. E. Bailey's drug store."

Caledonia Union No. 663 meets the 1st and 3d Saturdays of every month, at the secretary's home. Rene Carriere, president. G. T. St. Cyr, vice-president. A. Valin, secretary. Mrs. A. Valin, treasurer. John Jennings, chaplain. Walter St. Cyr, lecturer. Armand Carriere, assistant lecturer. Gilmer Sonnier, doorkeeper. Albert Rider, assistant doorkeeper. Albert Whately, sergeant-at-arms.

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