

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

to all of our friends and patrons; thanking you for all past favors, and trusting that the service rendered has been such as to merit and gain a continuance of your valued patronage, which we assure you has been and will be appreciated. **We thank you for all past favors.**

And now a word to our **merchant friends**:—As a new year resolution, **determine to advertise**, and thereby let the public know that you are in business and what you have to sell, and that you want a share of their patronage. No need of sending to New York or some other market for your advertising goods—see our line, get our suggestions, and be convinced that you can do better by doing your business with a home man. Some of the novelties we have, are Calendars of all kinds and prices, Fans, Thermometers, Yard Sticks, Rulers, Signs, Postal Cards, Paper Holders, Envelope openers, Companion, Whistles, Puzzles, Pin Cushions, Buzzers, Bill Hooks, Coat Hangers, Book Racks, Match Safes, Soap Dishes, Brush Holders, Package Carriers, Clappers, Napkins, Bill Holders, Taps, Towel Racks, Mirrors, Scissors, Pocket Books, Purses, Tobacco Pouches, hand Bags, Bill books, Cigar cases, Memo books Diaries, Card Cases, Pencils, Needle Cases, Maps, rapping Twine, Wall Pockets, Cork Screws, Blotters, aprons, Combs, and in fact anything to advertise any business in the country. Call and see us, we shall be pleased to show you our line even if you don't buy.

JACOBS NEWS DEPOT Company

OPELOUSAS

LOUISIANA.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
The Only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—Made from Grapes—
A Guarantee of Pure, Healthful, Delicious Food

IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY CIRCUIT COURT

land) entered suit some months ago asking for the annulment of the sale on the grounds that the various purchasers had had a reasonable time in which to remove the timber, and that failing to do so, the sale should be annulled and the timber revert to them.

The original owners lost the suit in the lower court with cost. An appeal for a new trial, tried by another Judge, was also dismissed.

The case was then appealed to the Circuit Court, and the opinion rendered in the several cases reverses the lower court and gives the Rice company three years in which to remove the timber, assessing the costs of both courts to the Rice people. Under the stipulations of the purchase by Rice from the Industrial the former would have had three years and six months in which to remove the timber, so the Circuit Court only bobbed off six months from the time limit set by the sale.

The Industrial Lumber Company and the original owners are both dissatisfied with the decisions, and have appealed. The Rice people seem to be the least concerned, doubtless relying on their contract of sale with the Industrial people.

The following decisions were read on Friday and Saturday:

Parker Fain vs. T. and E. M. Franklin; judgment in favor of defendants affirmed.

Robert M. Helmer vs. Col. Southern, New Orleans & Pacific R. R. Co.; judgment in favor of Helmer, plaintiff, affirmed.

V. H. Sibille vs. Opelousas Mercantile Co.; judgment in favor of plaintiff affirmed.

Mary Frazier Morrison vs. H. L. Erlich et al.; judgment in favor of plaintiff affirmed.

Dominique and Christopher Viscadis vs. J. S. & W. M. Rice Lumber Co. (timber case); judgment of the lower court annulled, avoided and reversed; and it is ordered, adjudged

and decreed that there be judgment in favor of plaintiff and against defendants fixing the term of three years from this date, viz. Jan. 15, 1909, as the time within which the said defendants shall remove the timber purchased by it from the lands of plaintiffs, and it is hereby decreed that after the lapse of that time, all trees remaining on the plaintiffs' lands shall become the property of the plaintiffs, who shall then be fully quieted in their title thereof and the possession of their land. It is further ordered, that the defendants pay all costs of both courts, and the rights of the defendants, J. S. and W. M. Rice Lumber Co., against their warrantors, the Industrial Lumber Co., be fully reserved.

W. T. Morris vs. J. S. & W. M. Rice Lumber Co. (timber case); this case involves the same issue of law and fact as were considered in the case of Viscadis vs. same company, and the same judgment was rendered.

Lemberht McDaniel vs. J. S. & W. M. Rice Lumber Co. (timber case); same case as above; same judgment.

Aurélien Guillory vs. J. S. & W. M. Rice Lumber Co. (timber case); same case as above; same judgment.

Pinkney R. Hinson vs. J. S. & W. M. Rice Lumber Co. (timber case); same case as above; same judgment.

Elias L. Fontenot vs. J. S. & W. M. Rice Lumber Co. (timber case); same case as above; same judgment.

Andrus-Soileau.

At the presbytery of the Catholic Church, in Opelousas, on Wednesday evening, January 20th, 1909, at 5 o'clock, Mr. William Andrus and Miss Frances Soileau were quietly married, the Rev. Father Engberink officiating.

There were no invitations issued, and only the families of the contracting parties, and a few intimate friends, assembled at the holy place to witness the ceremony that joined these young hearts together for their many friends sincerely wish, a happy married life.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Andrus, and a young man noted for his industry and good habits, while the lovely bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Soileau.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrus will for the present reside with the parents of the groom, in Opelousas.

The Clarion joins their many friends in hearty felicitations.

Help Wanted.

Young man for News Agent on Crowley train, Frisco Lines; commission 20 per cent; cash bond \$20 required. Address in your own handwriting. Manager Van Noy R. R. News Co., Houston, Texas. Jan 23-1f

Fountain Pencils.

Don't fail to get one of our great "Fountain Pencils." Price 10 cents, by mail, postpaid. Jacobs News Depot Co. Jan 23

SAID THAT T. & P. IS BACK OF OPELOUSAS GULF EXTENSION.

Capt. C. C. Genung, builder of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, spent several days in Opelousas this week, on his way to his Indiana home.

As stated last week, the veteran railroad builder was in this State for the purpose of looking into a project to extend the line of the O. Gee from Crowley to Lake Arthur, where it will intersect the Intercoastal Canal. He spent several days in the Crowley and Lake Arthur sections, and is now prepared to make a report to the people in whose interests he was here, including the cost of the road, and we learn the report will be favorable on its feasibility.

The distance from Crowley to Lake Arthur is twenty miles, and the extension will give the O. Gee a through line from Melville to deep water.

An interesting statement in connection with the extension is that the Texas & Pacific is back of the move. The report is doubtless well founded, as the O. Gee belongs to the Texas & Pacific.

But whether or not the T. & P. is backing the move, it is certain that Mr. Genung will report favorably on the project, and as the old gentleman is not an air-castle builder, it is out of the question to presume that he was here on a wild-cat scheme.

MIGHT BE A COMPROMISE.

Said that the Frisco and Illinois Central About to Make a Truce Pending Suit.

The report that the Illinois Central and the Frisco people are about to sign a truce pending the final determination of the litigation between these roads, involving the use of the Mississippi Valley's tracks from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, seems to be well founded, and it is probable that before the end of this week things will be in such shape as to warrant the running of through trains over the Frisco line in the near future.

The suit was decided in favor of the Frisco in the lower courts, and the Harriman interests have appealed to the Supreme Court. It is proposed that pending the decision of the higher tribunal the Frisco (or Colorado Southern, New Orleans & Pacific) will be permitted to use the Harriman line to enter New Orleans.

"HARD TIMES" IN CHICOT. Police Juror Paints A Picture of the "Distress" in His Battiwick.

"Hard times" Why of course it has struck our section," remarked Police Juror Henry Singleton, while here Thursday. "You hear about it on every hand. You may go to a farmhouse there and the good madam or her 'lord and master' will at once begin to apologize for the dinner they will serve you. You know the boll weevils destroyed our cotton crop, and things are powerful hard with us just now, and you'll have to excuse our dinner," one of them will say. When the dinner hour arrives, and the thought of going home hungry is disturbing your mind, you are ushered to the dining table, where a bountiful supply of home-made bacon, smoked sausage, Irish and sweet potatoes, vegetables, eggs, milk, cabbage, corn bread, syrup, chicken—all home product—greet your eyes. "Why," you may ask, "this does not smack of hard times?" To which "mine lord and master" will reply, "Yes, but we have no money! That is the 'hard times' in my country. Besides eating generously, our people occasionally sell a beef or a hog for pin money."

Judge Singleton says the farmers of that section are planting a large crop of Irish potatoes, and scarcely any cotton. "Irish potatoes for cash crop, corn and hay for stock, and board-at-home stuff for the folk," is the watchword. And then a hearty laugh at the expense of the boll weevil.

Game Warden M. P. Stagg was in Opelousas Thursday, and was a very pleasant caller at the Clarion office.

Mr. Stagg has been busy making the rounds of the parish, discharging his duties as Game Warden, and he is pleased to find with very few exceptions that there are no attempts made to violate the game laws. He finds that, with the few exceptions alluded to, all hunters have paid their licenses, and are killing no more birds than the law allows.

He has made four arrests since his incumbency of the office, one for killing woodcocks and three for hunting without a license.

FOR SALE.—Lot of ground 110x350; on Landry street; paved walk. Apply to Raymond Breaux.

THROUGH MAIL SERVICE FROM MELVILLE TO CROWLEY.

Beginning Friday last, the 15th, the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad inaugurated through mail service from Melville to Crowley, and placed a mail clerk on the train so that letters can be mailed on the train and distributed along the route.

Heretofore the mail service only extended from Melville to Rayne, and the baggagemaster acted as mail clerk, a system of through pouches only being in vogue. Under the old system a letter, for instance, mailed at Branch for Church Point would pass its destination, and only return that evening, having been assorted and placed in the Branch pouch at the other end of the line—Melville. Now the letters will be distributed in transit, and a rapid and thorough mail service will be thereby afforded.

It is probable that mail from Eunice to Opelousas on the Colorado Southern will be inaugurated in a short while. A numerous signed petition from Eunice was recently sent to the postoffice department, and the only thing that may prevent the granting of the service is the hope of the Colorado Southern that its dispute for through traffic to New Orleans will be settled in the near future.

Robert Zernott.

Died, at the family residence in Washington, La., on Saturday, January 16, 1909, at 12:30 a. m., Robert Zernott, Sr., aged 71 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Robert Zernott was a native of Prussia, where he was reared and educated. He came here from Prussia, where he had served as a soldier, at the beginning of the Civil War in the United States, landing at New York, and shortly afterwards enlisting in the army on the Union side. He served during the entire war in the First and Second Rhode Island Regiments, which operated mostly in Louisiana. He enlisted as a private, but was soon made a sergeant. When the war clouds rolled by Sergeant Zernott's regiment was operating near Washington, where he remained, after the close of the war, the country and the people having made a favorable impression upon him.

He first began business as a planter, but the first year he was unfortunate in suffering a total loss of everything invested from an overflow, and he subsequently embarked in the livery business and carriage manufacturing.

Mr. Zernott was an exceptional

genius in mechanism, and he soon built up an extensive trade, and his goods were in demand from points away from Washington. From being thrown from a horse he lost his left arm, but this did not stop him from pursuing his business.

In 1887 he was forced to retire from the manufacturing business from the partial loss of his eyesight, and he has since engaged in constructing bridges, buildings, etc.

He married, in 1869, Miss Emma Millsap, who died four years after their marriage, having become the mother of three children, two sons and one daughter. He subsequently married Miss Grace Millsap, sister of his former wife, and to this union were born four children. His children are Philip, Frank, Robert and Gus; and Misses Katie, Grace and Essie and Mrs. Rivers, the latter of New Orleans.

The Clarion extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of a kind and loving parent and the community in the loss of a good citizen.

Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute.

Lafayette, La., Jan. 20, 1909. Editor Clarion, Opelousas.

Dear Sir.—Please inform your readers that our second term will begin next Monday, the 25th inst. New students will come on that day and on Feb. 1. We now have 290 students, the largest number we ever had, and more are coming. We have 13 from your parish, and are anxious for more—girls preferred, as we haven't many girls (but those we have are the finest in the State).

You may also mention that we have \$28,500 to spend in new buildings and equipment. Steam heat will be installed in the young ladies' two-story brick dormitory; a modern barn will be built; a complete system of hot and cold water shower baths for the young men will be put in, and the balance will be expended for a modern two-story brick arts and crafts building with full equipment.

The general public has no idea what an extensive and complete organization and equipment we have. And the great thing is, it belongs to the State, and is free to all. Please tell them about it. Tell them to come see—or, if they can't come, send for the "illustrated pictures!"

Yours truly,
Jan 23-2t E. L. Stephens, President.

Lost.

On January 6th, between our home, near Nigh-Butledge mill, and the S. P. track, near section house, one ladies' hand satchel, containing one gold bracelet, 3 gold cuff buttons, 1 ring, 1 small pocket knife, and various other articles. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Miss Vivian Brown, Opelousas. Jan 23-1t