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At the solicitation of Mr. J. W. Wickwire, we visited his flatboat, now landed in front of the village and handsomely fitted up as a stencil cutting and engraving establishment. Mr. Wickwire exhibited some tasteful and elegant samples of his handwork in the stencil cutting art which surpassed anything of the kind we ever witnessed anywhere. Many prominent planters, merchants, etc., on Bayou Lafourche appear among his patrons, and at a trifling cost treated themselves to brands for barrels, hogsheds and packages, not only highly ornamental, but eminently useful. He manufactures brands of all sizes and of an infinite variety of designs. The importance of planters and merchants of having their packages neatly enclosed and adorned with stencil plate inscriptions cannot be too highly estimated.

The attention of purchasers of sugar, molasses, rice and all kinds of produce, requiring casks, sacks, etc., is always attracted by the comeliness, solidity and symmetry of vessels in which produce or merchandize are packed for transportation; and there can be no doubt of consequent enhanced values. To prove our assertions it is only requisite to call attention to the fact, that printer's ink is lavishly bestowed on every package, however insignificant, that we sell or buy. Each package issued from dealers is now an advertisement, showing conclusively that vast benefits are derived from the liberal expenditure of ink.

Mr. Wickwire is thoroughly prepared to execute all work in his line with neatness, cheapness and despatch, and is a skillful and reliable artist.—Give him a call for full particulars.

Mr. Adolphe Jumonville died in this parish on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the age of 44 years. He was a native of Assumption and allied to one of the oldest Creole families in the State, and leaves a large family to mourn his loss. The mother of Mr. Jumonville gave birth to 26 children, 20 of whom are dead. The deceased was a member of Capt. Lauve's Company, H, 28th La. Vols., C S. A., Col. Allen Thomas regiment, and was present at the famous siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Jumonville was most respectably connected in this parish and State, and his early demise is generally deplored. Our kindest sympathies are with his family.

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Bayou Lafourche.

We think it would be advisable to memorialize the next Legislature, asking assistance for the improvement of the navigation of our beautiful stream. An appropriation of twenty thousand dollars was made at the last session to keep open the Red River where it empties into the Mississippi, so as to secure navigation during low water. The expenditure has been productive of untold benefits to that section, as well as to the city of New Orleans, which receives the cotton, sugar and molasses from that portion of the State, and in return furnishes the supplies of provisions and merchandize.

We are now seriously incommoded by low water and sand bars; hauling freight from fifteen to twenty miles during a busy season of the year is no small drawback to those who have heretofore received it at their landings. This state of things must continue until a rise of sufficient magnitude takes place to enable flatboats of light draft to pass.

We should have a dredgeboat to operate during low water, not only to improve the channel in this parish, but to remove the bars and debris found in the lower Lafourche, which effectually dam the water in winter and spring, and force us to add annually to the height of our levees.

The upper portion of the Lafourche is gradually widening and the lower portion is contracting its capacity to carry off the water in the same ratio. This is going on to such an extent that we shall find ourselves serious sufferers whenever the artificial outlets of the river are closed. Since a large portion of the river has found its way to the gulf through these openings the water has not reached the tops of our levees; but this condition of affairs cannot continue, the city of New Orleans will certainly insist on the stoppage of the Bonnet Carre crevasse as soon as the means are at hand. Col. Hardee says the waters are a great injury to the rear of the city, and at each period of high water seriously threaten an overflow.

This improvement properly belongs to the Federal government, but we have been seeking redress from that quarter for so many years with such little encouragement that it is about time to try our own Legislature. There is no use in putting off the evil day, it is bound to come sooner or later, and we may as well take time by the forelock and make a common and united effort for relief.

The work being done at present towards cutting through the bars, must necessarily prove of a temporary nature; it will probably suffice for this low water, but the same work will have to be repeated each year of low water, and probably with an increased number of shoal places.

There are some persons who wish the bayou locked or closed at its head, and our supineness in this matter will furnish them with the strongest possible argument in favor of closing it, and force us to resort to a railroad for relief. Our section is a great producer and pays a large amount of taxes into the State treasury; this should be a potent argument in behalf of

our application, and it is the bounden duty of the Legislature to take care of its constituents in emergencies in which they cannot help themselves.

We give an extract from the Cincinnati price current of the 18th inst., which throws some light on that market for the sale of sugar, and also shows that a larger amount of sugar and molasses was distributed at that point, last season, than at any previous year since the war:

The stock of New Orleans Sugar in this market is nearly exhausted, the total on the first day of this month being little if any over 200 hogsheds. The stock in New Orleans October 1 was about 5,000 hhd.

The New Orleans Sugar trade of this city during the past year has been larger than for any preceding year since the war, and it has been moderately profitable. There was some new Sugar received in November, 1876, which sold readily, and the supply was not equal to the demand for many weeks, so that very full prices were realized, the range being 8 1/2 to 9 1/4 per lb for fair to prime. In January, under the close of river navigation, the supply was nearly exhausted and higher prices prevailed temporarily, but in February they receded with the increased supply, but gradually advanced during the Spring, and in May, when the supply of the lower grades was reduced to a low point a further advance was established. Since then there has been little more than stock enough here for a jobbing trade, and prices were well sustained during the Summer, but more recently they have declined to per lb, in sympathy with the market for refined Sugar.

The facilities for rapid and cheap transportation between a large number of the Sugar plantations and this city give many of the planters on the coast an advantage of consigning their product direct to this market, where it meets less competition than when sent to New Orleans, and commands better prices. During the past year a large amount of Sugar and Molasses was sold here on the wharf and shipped direct to interior points in the East, North and Northwest, thereby saving drayage to and from warehouses, storage, and other expenses. This branch of the business will receive still more attention in the future, to the obvious advantage of consignors and purchasers. This city, situated in a central position of the Ohio Valley, which is perhaps the finest valley in the world, has every advantage of location and transportation facilities for distributing Sugar, Molasses and Rice, articles which are indispensable to every household, to consumers and smaller distributing points on thousands of miles of rivers and railroads. There is, in fact, no difficulty about selling New Orleans Sugar here; the only trouble is to get enough of it at reasonably low prices. We have no Sugar refinery here to buy up the raw sugar and force people to take refined Sugar or nothing. There is, apparently, among a large number of consumers, a growing preference given to a good article of New Orleans Sugar, an article which they know contains pure and natural succharine matter, to the lower grades of refined Sugar which they have been obliged to use to a large extent for many years, and they will be glad when the crop of New Orleans Sugar increases sufficiently to furnish an adequate supply all the year.

Crazy Horse, "big Injun heap," was in town on Saturday last. He was on the war-path, and with glittering blade in hand spread terror to the pedestrians on Levee street. It is to be hoped that our village will be incorporated at the next session of the Legislature, and then an efficient town constable will be enabled to stable a few of these rampant Nez Perces.

Adventures of a Corpse.

On April 6, a railway porter in Cambridge, Eng., after suffering from a sudden attack of acute bronchitis, apparently died, and his remains were laid out and placed in a coffin. His mother had given him a sleeping draught to alleviate the severity of the spasms of coughing, and as the collapse was so sudden it occurred to the Coroner that it would be expedient

to postpone the burial and to hold an inquest. He accordingly wrote a note to the attending physician, asking for his opinion. The physician did not think well of it; it was a case of asthmatic bronchitis and vular disease of the heart of long standing; the disease was incurable, and a sudden death was very natural, and there was no necessity for an inquest. The Coroner finally determined that he would hold no inquest, but would permit the remains to be interred. The correspondence had occupied several days. The porter had died on Friday, and it was now Tuesday; the mourners were in the chamber of death; suddenly, to the consternation of the mother and the physician, and to the amazement of all the friends, the corpse sat up, shook himself, yawned, jumped out of the coffin, and took a chair in the centre of the group. A man who can escape from pestled poisons, dissecting knives and grave-diggers' shovels, and get out of his coffin on the fourth day, need never say die.

Written for the PIONEER.]

Dedicated to a drowning sister who was rescued during the high water of 1874.

I ne'er before had fought Grim Death,
 With all his mighty chains,
 Till on that raft, with one long breath,
 I bade him check his reins!
 Sister! sister! wilt thou be gone?
 No—'tis not yet thine hour!
 Almighty Father, Thy will be done,
 Restore to me my flower!
 She sinks—she sinks! God, save my love;
 I see no more her hair.
 When not long since her face above
 Met me with death-like glare!
 Sweet Mattie, rise again once more
 That I may grasp thine arms,
 For now Grim Death stands at our door
 Thy dear soul to alarm!
 Saviour, Thou hast heard my voice—
 Crowning me victorious!
 And now my sad heart doth rejoice
 At a feat so glorious!
 For a darling sister I've saved
 From an untimely end;
 All dangers of the Deep I braved
 To clasp alive my friend!
 GENTLE MOONLIGHT.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PARISH COURT,

PARISH OF ASSUMPTION.

—Succession of—

DANIEL MORRISON and WIFE,
 No. 1009,
 JOHN MORRISON ET ALS.
 versus
 BOWMAN COCKE ET ALS.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the Honorable the Parish Court for the parish of Assumption, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction at the Court-House door of the parish of Assumption, at Napoleonville, on Saturday, December 1, 1877, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., the following described property, to wit:

10. A certain tract of land, situated in the parish of Assumption, bounded north by Morgan's La. & Texas R. R., south by lot No. 8 of a plan of survey made by August Bulow, west by bayou Bouf, east by township line dividing T. 16 S., R. 13 east, containing 249 84/100 acres, being lots Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of a plan of survey made by August Bulow, Surveyor, on the 28th day of October, 1869, on file in the Recorder's office of the parish of Assumption.
20. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, bounded north by lands of Pennion, south by lot 14 of said plan, east by township line dividing T. 16 S., R. 13, east from T. 16 S., R. 14 east, west by bayou Bouf, and containing 350 acres, being lots Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of said survey made as aforesaid.
30. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, bounded north by Morgan's La. and Texas Railroad, south by lot No. 6 of said plan, east by township line dividing T. 16 S., R. 13, east from T. 16 S., R. 14 east; west by bayou Bouf, containing 347 84/100 acres and being lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of said survey.
- The said three tracts of lands hereinabove described being a part and portion of the old Bouf plantation, formerly belonging to the late Daniel Morrison, and situated in T. 15 S., R. 13 east.
40. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, bounded north by lot No. 9 of said plan, east by sections 36 and

- 25, west by Lake Palourde, lot No. 6 of said plan and sec. 35, and containing 238 75/100 acres, being lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said survey made as aforesaid, and situated in T. 15 S., R. 13 E.
50. Another tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou Cher Ami, bounded south by lot No. 10 of said plan, west by sectional line dividing section 23 from 24, containing 280 acres, and being lots No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of said survey made as aforesaid.
- Said tracts of lands herein fourthly and fifthly described forming a part and portion of the Cher Ami plantation, formerly belonging to the late Daniel Morrison.
60. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by lot 16, south by lot No. 19, of said plan; west by line running parallel to and at a distance of 20 chains east from the line dividing sections Nos. 75 and 76, containing 100 acres, being lots No. 17 and 18 of said survey.
70. Another certain tract of land, situated in the parish of Assumption, west side of bayou L'Ours, bounded by lot No. 21, south by lots Nos. 25, 28, 29, 30 and 31 of said survey, west by line running parallel to and at a distance of twenty chains east from the line dividing sections 75 and 76, containing 40 acres, and being lot No. 22 of said survey.
80. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by lot No. 19, south by Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, west by lots Nos. 20, 21, 22 and 23 of said plan, containing 92 32/100 acres, and being lots Nos. 24 and 25 of said survey.
90. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, bounded north by lot No. 22 south by lot No. 26 of said plan and section 78, west by lot No. 29, east by lots No. 25 and 26 of said plan, containing 50 acres, being lot No. 23 of said survey.
100. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, bounded by lot No. 22, south by section 78, east by lot 29, west by lot 31 of said plan, containing 50 acres, being lot No. 30 of said survey.
110. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, bounded north by sections 75 and 76, south by sec. 77 and 78, west by lot No. 34, east by lot No. 32 of said plan, containing 50 acres, being lot No. 33 of said survey.
120. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, bounded north by sec. 76, south by sec. 77, east by sec. 35, west by sec. 37, containing 50 acres, and being lot No. 36 of said survey.
130. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, bounded north by sec. 76, south by sec. 77, east by sec. 37, containing 62 30/100 acres, and being lots No. 38 and 39 of said survey.
140. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by lot No. 9, south by lot No. 11 of said plan, west by sectional line dividing sec. 75 from sec. 76, east by sec. 74, containing 50 acres, and being lot No. 10 of said survey.
150. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by lot No. 6, south by lot No. 9 of said plan, east by sec. 74, west by a sectional line dividing sec. 75 from sec. 76, containing 100 acres, being lots Nos. 8 and 7 of said survey.
160. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by lot No. 3, south by lot No. 6 of said plan, east by sec. 74, west by a line running parallel to and at a distance of twenty chains, east from the line dividing sec. 68 from sec. 69, containing 100 acres, and being lots No. 5 and 4 of said survey.
170. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded south by lot No. 3, north by sec. 69 and 70, east by sec. 74, containing 100 acres, and being lots Nos. 2 and 1 of said survey.
- Said tract of land herein described from No. 6 to 17 inclusive, situated in T. 16 S., R. 14 east, and forming a part and portion of the "Bayou L'Ours plantation," formerly belonging to the late Daniel Morrison. The whole being the same property purchased by Mrs. Cynthia Ellis, wife of D. H. N. Ellis, at the succession sale of Daniel Morrison, on the 27th day of October, 1869.

- Also the following described property seized in the above entitled and numbered cause.
10. A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Assumption, east of bayou Bouf, and bounded north by lot No. 7 of a plan made by August Bulow, South by lands of Cocke and Allen, west by bayou Bouf, containing 300 acres, and being lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of a plan made by August Bulow, Surveyor on the 27th October, 1869, and on file in the Recorder's office of the parish of Assumption.
 - Said tract of land being situated in T. 16 S., R. 14 E., and being the property acquired by John & Walter Morrison, on the 27th October, 1869, from the succession of Daniel Morrison and wife, forming part and portion of the "Bouf's Plantation," formerly belonging to said succession.
 20. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, in T. 16 S., R. 14 east, on both sides of bayou Cher Ami, bounded north by line dividing section 23 from section 26, and lot No. 11 of said plan, south by section 35, and lot No. 5, east by sec. 25, containing 188 acres, and being lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of said survey made as aforesaid.
 - Said tract being acquired at said sale of 27th of October, 1869, and forming a part and portion of the Cher Ami plantation, formerly belonging to the late Daniel Morrison.
 30. Another certain tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded on one side by lot No. 12, and on the other side by lot No. 17 of a plan made by August Bulow, containing 186 acres, more or less, being lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the survey made as aforesaid.
 40. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, bounded north by lot No. 13, south by lot No. 22 of said plan, containing 150 acres, being lots Nos. 19, 20 and 21 of said survey.
 50. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on the east side of bayou L'Ours, containing 20 52/100 superficial acres, having an irregular front, and being lot No. 23 of said survey.
 60. Another certain tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on the west side of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, and bounded partly on west by lot No. 28 of said plan, containing 90 81/100 acres, more or less, irregular in shape, and being lots No. 26 and 27 of said survey.
 70. Another tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, containing 50 acres, superficial, bounded north by lot No. 22 of said plan, south by section 78, east by lot No. 28, being lot No. 29 of said survey.
 80. Another tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, containing 50 acres, bounded north by lot No. 22, south by section 78, west by lot No. 32, east by lot No. 30, of said plan being lot No. 31 of said survey.
 90. Another tract of land situated in said parish of Assumption, bounded north by section 77, west by lot No. 36, east by lot No. 33 of said plan, and being lots No. 34 and 35 of said survey, and containing 100 superficial acres.
 100. Another tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, west of bayou L'Ours, on both sides of Morgan's La. & Texas Railroad, bounded north by section 77, south by lot No. 38, east by lot No. 36, of said plan, and containing 50 superficial acres, being lot No. 37 of said survey.
 110. Another tract of land, situated in said parish of Assumption, on both sides of bayou L'Ours, bounded north by lot No. 10, south by lot No. 13, of said plan, east by section 74, west by sectional line dividing section 75 from section 76, containing 100 acres, and being lots No. 11 and 12 of said survey.
- The tracts of land herein described from No. 3 to 11, inclusive, forming a part and portion of the "Bayou L'Ours Plantation," formerly belonging to the late Daniel Morrison, and situated in T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
- The whole of the last described property being acquired, on the 27th of October, 1869, by John and Walter Morrison in the proportion of one undivided half each from the succession of Daniel Morrison and wife.
- Terms and Conditions:
 CASH, in U. S. Treasury notes.
 A. J. ECHEVERRIA,
 Sheriff.
 Parish of Assumption, October 26, 1877.

FOR SALE.

Two Mules and One Horse.
 Apply to FRANCIS GAUDIN,
 Napoleonville.