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THE MESSENGER.

More Bulldozing Alleged In Tangipahoa

A Story That the Authorities Should Promptly Investigate.

N. O. City Item.

A respectable looking colored man called this morning at the office of the U. S. Commissioner, asking for protection against Bulldozers in Tangipahoa parish. He states that his brothers, Charles and Francois Richardson, have been whipped and forced to leave, as was Harry Brown, an aged negro, whose family had to return to their "old master" to get bread to eat.

Old man "Sayou" was also whipped while going to church and in all these cases deponent says that there was no cause, political or otherwise, there being no political movement in the parish only pure cursedness.

He says that there are about one hundred colored farmers in his vicinity who own their own farms, and can neither sell or live in peace: that their schools and churches have been destroyed and that he has been sent by his people to call upon the United States authorities for relief.

There being no Ku Klux law now in force, Col. Wright does not see how he can afford the protection desired, which should be afforded by the State authorities; but the report of such a state of affairs following on the heels of Carrolton massacre, the Peete outrage, the threats anonymously sent to the Times-Democrat, etc., ought to (and we believe will) receive prompt attention from Gov. McEnery.

State News.

The residence of District Attorney Alex Hebert, at Plaquemine, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire is supposed to be incendiary.

Judge G. A. Fournet, has been quite sick for the past week, confined to his home with a very severe attack, but are glad to state that he is improving fast, and will soon be able to meet the many callers at his office.—[Lake Charles Commercial.

Seems to us the physicians that were called to revive Ford and Murphy from the poisonous effect would have done an noble act in permitting them to die. It looks bad to bring a man to life in order that he may be killed a few moments later.—[St. Mary Review.

The Courthouse at Opelousas was entirely destroyed by fire Monday. All the papers and \$600 or \$700 which were in the tax collector's office—where the fire is supposed to have originated, were consumed. The Court and Sheriff's records which happened to be in the Courthouse were saved. The Supreme Court records and the Assessor's books and papers were all lost. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The loss is estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Local Lights.

Our town is healthy.

To-day the thing is to be done.

"The woods is full of them"—loafers. Is there any cord wood for sale in town?

The Cotton seed oil mill is still in operation.

Mr. A. Labbe has purchased Mr. C. L. Lacaze's drug store.

Sunday was a lively day in town, but trade was comparatively quiet.

DIED—Thursday March 25th, at 5:35 p. m. C. B. Castex, aged 54 years.

Our friend Scott Kelso left Wednesday with his family, to locate in east Tennessee.

Now is the time to advertise your business, the Messenger offers unequalled advantages.

Our dry goods and grocery merchants are thoroughly prepared for the spring and summer trade.

The Teche is falling but that does not by any means, abate the ardor of the "wine-holders."

Prayer at the Catholic Church on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, during Lent.

Mr. Leon T. Gillard, a member of the Police Jury, was appointed a notary public by Gov. McEnery.

Our worthy townsman Mr. M. Baker has had a fine brick banquet constructed in front of his livery stable.

Vegetation is putting out in all directions, and the birds are singing a delightful welcome to spring.

Every field on the east bank of the Teche and fronting on the public road is plowed up and ready to be sowed.

Fewer drunken men are seen on the streets of this town than on those of any town of similar size in the state.

Remember the municipal election is on the 5th. of April, and it is the duty of every true citizen to cast his vote.

A man who does not vote, has no right to grumble, and has to swallow the administration as it is good or bad.

A little less boy-cotting and a little more gal-co(ur)ting would tend to ameliorate the condition of things over in Texas.

The spring time has "come gentle Annie," for the never failing mocking bird is chirping in and around St. Martinsville.

Improvements are going on in every direction and yet some unsatisfied croaker will insist that the "old town" is asleep.

We thank our friends, who have sent us subscribers to the Messenger, and trust they will continue their highly appreciated efforts in our behalf.

The Messenger heard an old man from the country remark the other day that he was unutterably opposed to some folks raising hogs in other folk's premises.

A couple of denizens from our sister town Breux Bridge, were seen moving around town last Tuesday. Among the number were P. Abadie and O. Badon.

Too many young men around hereabouts believe that "the world owes every man a living" and that it requires no effort on man's part to make the collection.

What are the reasons that the public school for the colored people of this town is opened, and that for the white people is not—Can the school board answer this?

It is bruited about that one of our town's "biggest" merchants is having a building put up in the country, and will move his stock of goods there, as soon as the house will be completed.

The members of the Hook and Ladder Company, are passing subscription lists to the merchants and business men of this town, to help them to raise the necessary funds to purchase their truck.

When the people learn that they can ship small packages cheaper by express than by any other mode of conveyance they will patronize more liberally the express company than they do now.

Mr. Leon Gillard, the member of the Police Jury from the 5th. ward, on the 10th. instant, had the misfortune to lose a promising boy, aged 3 years. We tender the gentleman our sympathy in his great affliction.

The Messenger is gradually gaining ground and we feel thankful to those who are so liberally supporting us. This paper will ever look to the interests of the town and county, and endeavor to keep on the right side of every public question.

As a general rule editors of country newspapers tell the truth in the ordinary affairs of life just like other people, but there are cases where they have said, in regard to the circulation of their papers, that "the horse was sixteen feet high," and it has gone to record under the solemnity of an oath.

Cesaire (yoyo) Webre, died last Saturday at his residence near Grande Pointe and was buried next day in the Breux Bridge cemetery. Yoyo was well known in the parish as an industrious and good man. He leaves a widow and her eight children to mourn his death.

Mr. J. A. Hitter, is making the hats and belts for the members of the new truck company. The hat is partially conical, with double visors, trimmed with gold, and crouching on the hat is a golden dragon holding in its beak the number 3 crossed by a hook and ladder. It is prettily conceived. The belts will also be pretty and made to match the hat.

A fine Stock of Ladies' hats and trimmings just received by Mrs. M. Bienvenu.

March came in as a lawyer.—Philadelphia Herald. It will go out like a client.

A Connoisseur editor who was married last week had his paper printed in rose color to signalize the event.

The doctor who is afraid to advertise his business and location because "popular specialists" do it, deserves to die poor and unknown. He cannot always expect to be kept before the public as news item.—[N. O. Picayune.

Get your flower seeds at Martial Bienvenu.

Notice to Trespassers.

Trespassing on my lands in L'Anse LaButte, is, from this date, strictly forbidden under penalty of the law.

EMILE BABIN.

Parish of St. Martin March 27th. 1886.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that he will make application at the next session of the general assembly of the State of Louisiana for the passage of a relief bill for amount due him for making a duplicate assessment Roll of the parish of St. Martin for the year 1883, the original of which was destroyed by fire in the Sheriff's office during the month of May 1884.

A. V. FLEMING.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.—PARISH OF ST. MARY, 19th. Judicial District Court.

No. 8111.

JOHN NELSON & Co.

VS.

FRANK KLING.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed by the Hon. 19th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Mary, dated the 17th day of March A. D. 1886. I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder at the Court House door in the town of St. Martinsville between the legal hours on

SATURDAY THE 1st. DAY

OF MAY A. D. 1886.

It being the first Saturday of said month the following described property to wit;

Tract of land in the parish of St. Martin being the N W $\frac{1}{4}$ of S W $\frac{1}{4}$ & S W $\frac{1}{4}$ of S W $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 33 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec 32 T 13 S R 12 E. Containing 400 95 $\frac{1}{100}$ acre, to satisfy said above mentioned writ. Terms and Condition CASH.

Sheriff's office this 27th day of March A. D. 1886.

T. L. BROUSSARD, Sheriff.