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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GABRIEL A. FOURNET, Attorney at Law, Lake Charles, La., office formerly occupied by Louis Leveque, on Court House Square. July 9, 1881-ly.

GEORGE H. WELLS, Attorney at Law, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La. Practices in Calcasieu, Cameron and Vernon parishes, and in Orange and Jefferson counties, Texas. July 9, 1881-6m.

F. A. GALLAUGHER, Attorney at Law, will practice in this and adjoining parishes, and before the Supreme Court, at Opelousas. Sep. 3, 1881-ly.

A. R. MITCHELL, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Lake Charles, La., will practice in all the parishes of the 14th Judicial District, and the Supreme Court, at Opelousas. [Jan 7 '82.]

A. J. KEARNEY, District Attorney, 14th Judicial District, practices in the several parishes of the District. Office, in Lake Charles, at the Haskell House. Office, in Leesburg, at his residence. July 9, 1881-ly.

Wm. M. Flowers, M. D. LAKE CHARLES, LA. Can be found at Mrs. Demere's, on Pajo street. Dec. 17, 1881-ly.

J. C. MUNDAY, M. D., Surgeon, Physician and Obstetrician.

CONTINUES to practice his profession and can be consulted at his Drug Store, on Ryan street, at all hours. Lake Charles, La., July 9, 1881-ly.

DENTISTRY.

D. R. C. D. CRAIN continues to practice his profession, and can be consulted at his office, in the "Commercial" office building, on Ryan street. Gold and Amalgam fillings, at lowest prices. Artificial teeth inserted, from one to a full set. Teeth extracted skillfully. [Oct 29 '81.]

G. KANN, PHARMACIST.

Dr. J. C. Munday. Physicians' prescriptions carefully prepared, day or night. Oct. 15, 1881-ly.

FRANK MAISER, TONSORIAL ARTIST, Ryan St., Lake Charles. Hair Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing and Hair Dyeing done in the latest styles. July 9, 1881-ly.

O'BRIEN & BLAIR, Contractors and Builders, LAKE CHARLES, LA. July 9, 1881-ly.

HAIR WEAVING.

TO the ladies of Lake Charles and vicinity, I would announce that I am prepared to execute all kinds of hair work, such as Switches, Puffs, Curls and Wringlets. Hair combings worked into all styles desired. I will match any and all samples of hair, sent or brought to me, at reasonable rates. MRS. ELIZA MENGES. Nov. 5, '81-ly.

Furniture Repaired.

HAVING permanently located in the town of Lake Charles, I am prepared to repair all kinds of furniture, at short notice, and on reasonable terms. Thankful for past patronage, I solicit a continuance of the same. Furniture revarnished at the house of the owner. Shop on Kirby street, near Ryan, Touchy building. C. H. BRUCE. Aug. 13, 1881-ly.

SCHINDLER & VALVERDE, SHIP BUILDING AND REPAIRING, Contractors, &c. On South Bank of Lake Charles. Sept. 3, 1881.

W. O. I. C.

MILLIONS IN IT—DON'T GRUMBLE! JUST IN TIME TO SAVE MONEY! At last I have found the right way in the right place for Good and Cheap Work!

If you want any work done in the line of Roofing, Guttering or repairing, or a good assortment of his own manufactured Tinware, or any old stoves repaired, you go to JOSE VOLTZ'S Tin Shop, back on Ryan street, between Mill and Pine streets, opposite F. A. Gallagher's residence. Sign of the Big Coffee Pot. July 9, 1881-ly.

Job work of all descriptions done with neatness and despatch at this office Give a call.

H. D. NIX,

GENERAL DEALER,

Nix's Ferry, Calcasieu River, La.

I HAVE constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY

GOODS, AND READY-

MADE CLOTHING.

My stock of Boots, Shoes and Hats, is not excelled by any in the country. My stock of Groceries is as complete as can be, and being replenished weekly. From my long experience in merchandising in this parish, I feel confident of being able to satisfy all who will do me the favor to give me a call.

First class, hand made

CYPRESS SHINGLES,

always on hand, in any quantities.

Prompt and assiduous attention to the

FERRY.

day and night. I am specially prepared for crossing droves of horses and cattle, and for taking care of them, having just completed a

LARGE PASTURE,

in which are plenty of grass, water and shade.

vs. Highest market price paid for

Cotton, Wool and Hides.

Give me a call. H. D. NIX. Aug. 13, 1881-ly.

M. J. ROSTEET,

—DEALER IN—

DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING, BOOTS AND

SHOES, HATS AND

CAPS.

GROCERIES,

WINES, LIQUORS,

—AND—

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

—ALSO—

Agent for the celebrated

"Roelker Plow,"

manufactured by the Roelker Plow Co., Evansville, Indiana.

Lake Charles, La.

July 9, 1881-ly.

NEW ORLEANS

CHEAP CASH STORE.

E. KAISER & CO.,

—DEALERS IN—

DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING,

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS,

CROCKERY AND TIN-

WARE.

ALL KINDS OF STAPLE GROCERIES.

We are also Agents for the

New Home Sewing Machine

—AND—

Waltham Watches.

In order to make room for our Fall Stock, we will close out our Summer stock of goods at ten per cent. less than our former prices.

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO SECURE

BARGAINS!

Come and see for yourself!

LAKE CHARLES, LA.

Aug. 13, 1881-ly.

St. Louis Type Foundry,

N. E. Corner of Third & Vine Sts.

DEALERS IN

Printing and Writing Papers, Cards and Card Board, Tags, Envelopes, Printing Inks, Bronzes, &c.

Programme Cards, Wedding Envelopes, Wedding Papers, &c. July 9, 1881.

GALVESTON

ARTIFICIAL STONE WORKS.

ORNAMENTAL Chimneys, Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes, Well Pipes. A full supply of ornamental door and window caps, sills, steps, key-stones, water-tables, curb stones, cemetery vaults, garden-walk and flower-bed edgings, pavements, and artificial stone work of every description, made to order. M. J. ROSTEET, Agent for Calcasieu Parish. Aug. 13, 1881-ly.

HASKELL'S

VARIETY STORE,

Lake Charles, La.

On Ryan Street, first door below the Haskell House.

Will keep constantly on hand a choice and carefully selected assortment of

BOOKS AND STATIONERY,

Including Books of English and American Poets, Books of History, Travels, Fiction, Music, and Science; Gift Books for the old and young; Sheet Music, Stereoscopic Views, Albums, Engravings, Chromos, Blank Books of all kinds and sizes, etc., Letter, Commercial, Note, Legal Cap, Record and Foolscap Paper; Ink of all kinds and colors; Pens, Penholders, Pencils, Erasers, Paper Cutters, Paper Weights, etc., etc.

General News Depot,

For the sale of the latest Newspapers, Magazines, Novels, etc.

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND FRUITS.

Nuts, Jellies, Fresh, Preserved, Dried and Canned Fruits, Standard Canned Meats and Vegetables.

Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes,

Pipes and all smoking articles, and

Toys, Notions and Varieties,

too numerous to mention.

This is the place to get your

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

The proprietor buys the best and sells the best of everything in his line, and his motto will be "Quick sales and small profits."

Genuine Singer and Peerless Sewing Machines.

At the lowest possible prices.

—ALSO—

CIL STOVES, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN LAMPS.

November 26, 1881.

PROCLAMATION!

LEWIS COOPER & CO.,

Bagdad, La.,

—DEALERS IN—

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES,

HARDWARE,

CLOTHING,

SADDLERY,

—AND—

General Merchandise,

—OF—

EVERY KIND!

Our stock is large and complete. Selected more especially to meet the requirements of timber and tie men, who will find it to their advantage to call on us before purchasing elsewhere.

COME ONE! COME ALL!!

Oct. 22, 1881-3m.

PETER FASSOLD,

—PRACTICAL—

Ryan St., Lake Charles, La.

Watches and Jewelry Skillfully Repaired and Warranted.

A Fine Stock of Jewelry Always on Hand.

Oct. 12, '81-ly.

NOTICE!

ALL persons indebted to the late firm of Moss & Riddick, will please come forward and settle, as I must have money to pay the debts of that firm, and close up its business. A. H. MOSS, Oct. 29, '81-ly.

A Millionaire Mistaken for a Tramp.

[Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

Cornelius H. Vanderbilt was the victim of a ludicrous case of mistaken identity yesterday at the Tremont House. Two weeks ago a young man entered Cameron, Amberg & Co.'s store, on Lake street, and asked for the proprietor. He was introduced to Mr. Cameron, to whom he told a pitiful story of poverty, and his desire to earn an honest living. Mr. Cameron said he wanted no more help, whereupon the young man suggested that if he would give him credit for a quantity of indelible pencils he would pay for them as he sold them. He was given the pencils, but Mr. Cameron never saw him again. Yesterday afternoon, while in the Tremont House, Mr. Cameron met the young man in the rotunda. He was finely dressed, and sauntered about the hotel nonchalantly and as though he owned the earth. This galled Mr. Cameron, and, tapping the young man on the shoulder, he said, "Don't you think it is about time you paid for those pencils?"

"What's that, sir?"

"Those pencils."

"I owe you for no pencils. I don't know who you are."

Then followed some positive remarks on poverty-stricken young men and contemptible swindling, and both had some spirited remarks. It culminated in the young man calling in "General—" and having himself identified. When Mr. Cameron found that he was accusing a millionaire Vanderbilt of a petty swindle his apologies were of course in good order.

The Young Man and His Cigarette.

[Philadelphia Times.]

Like a midnight apparition which cannot be shaken off, the cigarette-consuming young man haunts one daily in the streets and nightly in the theatres and saloons. His salo- low countenance, betokening the signs of approaching dissolution, appears ever and anon between the masses of death-laden smoke which arise and are wafted into the faces of healthy pedestrians, causing sensations of a sickly nature. The smile with which he greets you is only an alleged smile, and the hollow voice which utters his equally hollow words grates on the ear and makes one think of the way a skull might talk if skulls were gifted with speech. His walk is a totter, his breath savors of the charnel-house and his eyes wear a pitiful, painful, idiotic look.

The cigarette-consuming young man, despite the perils surrounding him, is on the increase. It is smart to be a cigarette-consuming youth. It is deemed the height of manliness to waste ambition and destroy vigor with smoke—and such smoke. The cigarette-consuming young man thinks he is attractive and supposes that the small parcel of brains which has escaped the influence of nicotine furnishes the world's thought—at least the superficial, unreal world in which he moves. He thinks his mother will pet him all the more, sisters humor him, and all the girls adore him because he is cigarette-consuming.

The rising generation promises to be largely composed of cigarette-consuming young men unless stringent measures are taken to counteract existing tendencies. It were better that Mother Shipton had been right or that the sun hurry up and reach the earth than that such a result transpire. It would be vastly better for the young man to be sun-consuming instead of cigarette-consuming. The cigarette-consuming young man is a bore and the world is tired of seeing him around.

Why He Drank.

[Little Rock Gazette.]

"So you were drunk," said the police judge to an old toper.

"Yes, sir; but under palliating circumstances, I had not touched a drop of liquor in six months, and I became too respectable. I began to get proud. Sometimes I wouldn't even speak to my wife when I met her on the street. Now, pride is dangerous. John G. Saxe tells us that all proud flesh, were it it grows, is subject to irritation. When a man stays sober too long he becomes Pharisical.—Socrates, you know, said that a man should get drunk once a month. I did not wish to become a Pharisee, so I got drunk."

"But did Socrates tell you to go into a saloon and fight the proprietor?" asked the judge.

"Yes, sir. I don't remember his exact words, but, as nearly as I can recall them, he said, 'Go, therefore, into the place where wines and liquors are sold, and for the exercise of the muscle, which nature has given you, pound the bartender.'"

"Did the old philosopher tell you to go into a boarding-house seize the landlady and tear her clothes?"

"Yes, sir. 'Go, you therefore—' page 331 revised dialogues—into the boarding-house, lay hands upon the wardrobe of the mistress of the establishment and rend her garments, for vain is the landlady who has tender clothes and tough steaks. Am I classically discharged?"

"No, sir. You will be assigned to the philosophical employment of breaking stones."

Death Rather Than Dishonor.

[New York Herald.]

At a time when most men are wildly working, cheating and stealing, with only the purpose of grasping the almighty dollar, it is pleasant to record the existence, up to a recent date, of a man to whom principle was dearer than money, or even life. He was a North Carolinian and a bridegroom. He came in from a hunting expedition and asked his wife to pull off his boots for him. The lady declined, perhaps from the capriciousness that sometimes characterizes a bride. The husband might have coaxed a boy by an offer of a few cents to do the job, or he might have insisted upon his rights under the timehonored principle that the first duty of a wife is to do whatever dirty work a husband may impose upon her. Between these two courses he seems to have been unable to decide; one would have involved an exercise of authority to which the lady would object with sufficient persistency to damage the bliss of the honeymoon, the other would have involved him in expense. What this high-spirited fellow did, therefore, was to deliberately shoot himself. The public, always the wellwisher of men who want to do the proper thing, will be glad to learn that the shot attended so strictly to business that the fine fellow promptly died with his boots on, thus setting a much needed example to the entire breed of men who still cherish the notion that woman was made only to be the servant of man.

A cockney inquired at the post office the other day for a letter for "Emery Hogden." He was told there was none. "Look here," he replied a little angrily, "you've hexamined a hodd letter for my name. It don't commence with a hitch; it begins with a ho. Look in the hole that's got the ho's." [Burlington Hawkeye.]

There is an old adage that if enough rope is given a fool he will hang himself with it, but it appears that ever since the world began there has been a scarcity of rope.