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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 Commissioner 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 upstairs in the Court House, Lake Charles. July 9, '81-ly.

**Wm. M. Flowers, M. D.** LAKE CHARLES, LA. Can be found at Mrs. Demere's, on Pujio 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.** DR. 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.** SUCCESSOR TO Dr. J. C. Munday. Physicians' prescriptions carefully prepared, day or night. Oct. 15, 1881-4f.

**FRANK MAISER, TONSORIAL ARTIST,** Ryan St., Lake Charles. HAIR Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing and Hair Dyeing done in the latest styles. July 9, 1881-4f.

**JEREMIAH O'BRIEN, JAMES BLAIR.** 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 Wrinklets. 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, '81-4f.

**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, Toney 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 man 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 JGS. 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 us 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.

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 TINWARE.

ALL KINDS OF STAPLE GROCERIES.

We are also Agents for the New Home Sewing Machine

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, 1881-4f.

**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, 1881-4f.

**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,

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**Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes,** Pipes and all smoking articles, and Toys, Novelties 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 20, 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, '81-4f.

**NOTICE!** ALL persons indebted to the late firm of Moss & Eddick, will please come forward and settle, as I must have money to pay the debts of that firm, and close up its business. A. B. MOSS. Oct. 29, '81-4f.

**Scenery and Bumps.**

In Nevada recently two rival coaches started out on parallel roads, each four-team on a gallop. A New Yorker, being the only passenger in one coach, took a seat with the driver. He endured the first five miles very well, as the road was pretty smooth, but he finally carelessly observed:

"This pace is rather hard on the horses, isn't it?"

"Oh, no! They are used to it. I haven't begun to swing 'em yet," was the reply.

"If you were going a little slower, I could enjoy the scenery much better."

"Yes, I s'pose so; but this line isn't run on the scenery principle."

That ended the conversation until the horses turned a corner, and the stage rode around it on two wheels. Then the New Yorker remarked:

"I suppose you sometimes meet with accidents?"

"Almost every day," was the brief reply.

"Is there any danger of something giving away?"

"Of course; but we've got to take our chances. G'lang there?"

At the end of another mile the passenger controlled his voice sufficiently to inquire:

"What if we should reach Red Hill by exactly two o'clock? I am in no hurry."

"No, I s'pose not; but I've got to do it or lose ten dollars."

"How?"

"I've got an even 'ten dollars' bet that I can beat the other stage into Red Hill by fifteen minutes, and I am going to win that money if it kills a horse."

"Say, hold on!" exclaimed the other, as he felt for his wallet. "I like to ride fast, and I'm not a bit nervous, but I do hate to see horses get worried. Here's twenty dollars for you! Now, let's sort o' jog along the rest of the way, and get a chance to smoke and talk about Indians."

"Whoa, there! Come down with your gentle, now!—take it easy, and don't fret!" called the driver, as he pulled in, and reached for his pipe with the other. Thereafter the New Yorker had more scenery and less bumps.

**Not That Kind of a Boy.**

[Texas Siftings.] Bill Mortimer is one of these smart fellows who can tell about a man by merely looking at his handwriting, or the shape of the back of his head, or the way he moves his legs when he walks. Bill was standing on the corner of Austin avenue talking to Col. Dan Beaty:

"Do you see that boy across the street there with his back turned to us, looking in a store window?"

"Yes."

"Well, that boy is going to be a hero. He is going to conquer the world. He will be an American Napoleon Bonaparte. That boy, has, right now, more will and intellect than any forty men in Austin."

"What makes you think so?" asked Dan Beaty.

"I don't think so at all. I just know it. Notice how he shrugs his right shoulder. That gesture was peculiar to Napoleon the Great, and to no other man."

"Nonsense," replied Dan, "that boy belongs to me. He has been vaccinated with some bad matter and it took. That's why he hunches up his shoulder."

"Is that so?" responded Bill. "Well, if he hadn't been vaccinated he would have had a brilliant future before him."

"Yes, and caught the small-pox, perhaps."

You can't eat enough in one week to last a year, and you can't advertise on that plan either.

**Railroad Sociability.**

[Bill Nye, in Lamarie Boomerang.] "Speaking about the sociability of railroad travelers," said the man with the crutches and a watch pocket over his eye, I never got so well acquainted with the passengers on the train as I did the other day on the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad. We were going at the rate of about thirty miles an hour, and another train from the other direction telescoped us. We were all thrown into immediate social contact, so to speak.

I went over and sat in the lap of a corpulent lady from Manitoba, and a girl from Chicago jumped over nine seats and sat down on the plug hat of a preacher from La Crosse, with so much timid, girlish enthusiasm, that it shoved his hat clear down over his shoulders.

Everybody seemed to lay aside the usual cool reserve of strangers, and we made ourselves entirely at home.

A shy young man, with an emaciated oil cloth valise, left his own seat, and went over and sat down in a lurch basket, where a bridal couple seemed to be wrestling with their first picnic. Do you suppose that reticent young man would have done such a thing on ordinary occasions? Do you think if he had been at a celebration at home, that he would have risen, and gone where those people were eating by themselves, and sat down in the cranberry jelly of a total stranger?

I should rather think not.

Why, one old man who, probably at home led the class meeting, and who was as dignified as Roscoe Conkling's father, was eating a piece of custard pie when we met the other train, and he left his own seat and went over to the front end of the car and stabbed that piece of custard pie into the car of a beautiful widow from Iowa.

People traveling, somehow forget the austerity of their home lives, and form acquaintances that sometimes last through life.

One afternoon a stranger, observing a stream of people entering a church, approached a man of gloomy aspect, who was standing near the entrance, and asked:

"Is this a funeral?"

"Funeral? no," was the sepulchral answer; "it's a wedding."

"Excuse me," added the stranger, "but I thought from your serious looks that you might be a hired mourner."

"No," returned the man with a weary, far-off look in his eyes, "I'm the son-in-law of the bride's mother."—[Brooklyn Eagle.]

A man advertised for a wife, and requested each candidate to enclose her carte de visite. A spirited young lady wrote to the advertiser in the following terms: "Sir, I do not enclose my carte, for though there is some authority for putting a carte before a horse, I know of none for putting one before an ass."

An Irishman who had a pig in his possession was observed to adopt the practice of filling it to repletion one day and starving it the next. On being asked the reason for doing so, he replied: "Sure, isn't it that I like to have bacon with a strake o' fat and a strake o' lane equally one after the other?"

One Scotchman afflicted with a very bad cough, meeting another Scotchman, profanely remarked to him that "this—cough would certainly carry him off some day like a rocket." "Aye, aye," observed number two; "it's my opinion, however, if you dinna mend your manners, ye'll tak' a contrary direction."