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LAKE CHARLES, LA.

SATURDAY, : : : : JULY 30, 1881.

Communication by "Mose" will appear next week.

Choice beef at D. B. Lyon's market house. Cheaper than the cheapest!

R. K. R.—Regular meeting next Tuesday night, at Fricke's Hall. Business of importance.

Charles Christian Bruyns, the eminent German Astronomer, is dead.

LEMONS.—E. Kaiser & Co., have just received a fine lot of fresh lemons, at their store on Ryan St.

Thanks to Mr. John Sweeney for a list of ten subscribers to the COMMERCIAL, with a promise of more shortly.

We are happy to know that the ferryboat Nettie, after being thoroughly repaired, has resumed her regular trips.

Justice Nathan Clifford, of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at Cornish, Maine, on the 23d inst.

Opelousas is soon to have a Grand Hotel; it will cost \$10,000 and will be fully equipped to meet the most modern fastidiousness.

The total valuation of property on the assessment rolls is \$1,730,400, for the parish of Calcasieu, and \$21,080 for the town of Lake Charles. The number of polls is 2,766.

The close season for deer ends next Monday. We hear of several parties organizing for the woods, one party has already gone out, so as to be on hand when Monday comes.

Martin A Medicis, formerly of Opelousas, has bought the "Lake City Saloon" property and contents. He is now a fixture among us. Who will be next to buy property in our little city?

BAPTISM.—Two ladies were baptised last Sunday evening in the waters of Lake Charles, Rev. W. H. Robert officiating. A large course of people assembled to witness the ceremony.

The Opelousas Courier, on its French page of the issue of the 23d inst., gives a glowing description of the commencement exercises of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, on Friday the 15th inst., in that town.

We are pained to hear that Jimmie Costello, son of our fellow-townsman, John Costello, was run over by the freight train on the La. W. R. R. last Wednesday, at Rayne Station. We have been unable to learn the extent of the injuries he sustained.

Four barges for the Central Mexican Railway, have been built here in Lake Charles and delivered during the past month under contract by Messrs. Schindler & Valverde, two at their own ways and two at J. F. Clooney's. These barges measured on an average about 50 tons, and left the lake under a full load of lumber for Tampico.

The District Court of the parish of Cameron, which has been sitting at Leesburg, since the 19th inst., adjourned this week. If we may judge from matters before the court, Cameron is indeed the banner parish for law and order. The report of the Grand Jury was a short one, but exceedingly favorable, showing a condition of things in the parish, in every respect, highly creditable to officers and people.—The roads are in as good a condition as their nature will admit; the finances of the parish are prosperous, quite a respectable balance remaining in the treasury; the court house and jail, though humble in appearance, are neat and well attended to. In fact everything looks bright down there.

The La. W. R. R., on the line of which is Lake Charles, forms part of the combination constituting the Southern Pacific Railroad.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY NEAR ORANGE, TEXAS.

Last week Mr. John Vincent, a well known citizen of our parish, was met on the road between Beaumont and Orange, Texas, and near the latter place, by a band of robbers, who surrounded him, and leveling their revolvers at him, ordered him to hold up his hands, when they quietly rifled his pockets of their contents, and robbed him of the sum of \$1100. We learn that one of the robbers was subsequently traced by Mr. Vincent as far as Vermillionville, where he had him arrested and taken to Orange to await his trial. We hope the authorities of our neighboring State will use the necessary diligence to bring the balance of the band of marauders to justice.

The Boom in lumber rolls steadily along. Every mill on the river (except such as have stopped for repairs) is being run to its full capacity. The mills sawing for A. J. Perkins have either at the ramp, or within easy delivery, logs enough to run them over a month, and teams constantly putting logs into tide water for them.

Platz & Moss have logs to run them until the winter rains bring out more.

THE PRESIDENT'S WOUND.—A bad turn in the President's condition, during the early part of this week, revived the anxieties of the country in regard to his health; a slight surgical operation, however, by removing a few detached pieces of bone from the wound, soon relieved him, and he is now doing as well as can be expected.

RUNAWAY.—Doc Gill's ponies, attached to his delivery hack, took fright at something, or out of pure cussedness, ran away with the hack and tried to demolish the gallery posts at Kaufman & Bloch's corner. The posts were stronger than the pole of the hack, and of course, the weaker one had to give way. No damage done but a broken pole.

Coupling and "me too," stalwarts, are laid on the political shelf by the election, to the U. S. Senate, from New York, of two half-breeds, Cleopatra, Lapham and Miller. The stalwarts have certainly gained nothing by Coupling's *coup d'état*, and we are at a loss to see where the half-breeds have gained much.

The Excursion and Basket Picnic, under the auspices of the German Benevolent Association, of Lake Charles, will come off to-morrow. Ample arrangements have been made for the accommodation of a large crowd. We wish them a pleasant trip, and a good time generally. We return thanks for complimentary ticket.

NEW BUTCHERY.—David Reinos, late of New Orleans, informs the citizens of Lake Charles and vicinity, that he will furnish them with fresh beef, mutton and sausages, at his new stand (old Lefranc warehouse) to-morrow morning. Read his advertisement in another column, and give him a call.

W. G. Franks has in stock, and for sale, Bordeaux Claret, a very fine table wine, at \$1.25 per gallon.

Also, Pure Old Sherry, Port, Sweet Catawba, Muscat and Black Berry Wines.

Also, Fine Brandy, Whiskies, (Hand Made Sour-Mash Old Rye, Old Bourbon.)

Also, Choice Bottle Beer.

All of which he offers at very low prices, and guarantees satisfaction.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Desire Hebert, of Lake Arthur, was in town this week, looking as fresh as ever.

C. T. Perkins and lady, of Vermillionville, spent last Sunday in town, visiting relatives.

N. P. Broussard, representing C. E. Broussard, clothier, of Galveston, is at the Haskell House.

Messrs. Alex. Pujo and Vincent Boagni, of St. Landry, visited our town this week. They were well pleased with their visit.

Doc Gill has been out in the Pine Woods looking after his log interests. He says he did not see or smell a wild goat while gone.

Dr. J. C. Munday and F. A. Gallagher, Esq., left for New Orleans yesterday morning. They are on business and will not stay long.

Jerry Dickson, with F. F. Hanwell, stationer, New Orleans, was around this week supplying his numerous customers here with what they need in his line.

Capt. Flood, C. E., in the Government employ, arrived in town last Monday and left for the Pass, where he goes to examine the condition of the canal soon to be dredged out.

We had the pleasure of a call, last Tuesday, from our old friend, J. Massie Martin, of St. Landry, who is visiting our little city. He is well pleased with Lake Charles and its surroundings.

F. A. Gallagher, Esq., Geo. H. Wells, Esq., and A. R. Mitchell, Esq., of the Lake Charles Bar, who have been attending the District Court at Cameron, returned last Wednesday evening.

L. Cahn, from Keiffer Bros. shoe dealers, New Orleans, was in town this week. The weather is too warm to wear new shoes now. One wants all the openings possible to shoes and everything else now.

Capt. Alexander, C. E., returned last Saturday from the Pass, where he had gone to take soundings for the purpose of bidding for the dredging of the canal through the inner bar, at the foot of Grand Island.

E. Kaiser, Esq., of New Orleans, was out this week overhauling the branch of his house in this town. He expressed himself very much pleased with the town and with the business done by the branch here.

Charley Stith was here again this week. He says he overslept himself, and the train brought him through. Too thin, Charley, you may play possum some times; but you are too old a coon to be caught napping.

G. A. Fournet, Esq., J. B. Fournet, Capt. E. H. Nichols and Mr. John Sweeney, of our town, returned from a trip to Calcasieu Pass last Saturday, and speak enthusiastically of the fine time they had down there.

[Communicated.]

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a stranger was seen traversing the streets of our little city. He was neatly dressed, every thing new, and fitting snugly. He greeted each and every one he met with a pleasant smile and polite bow, wishing all a very good morning.

The question very naturally arose: who is it? Upon examining the register it was found that his name was the Lake Charles COMMERCIAL, at once a vote of welcome was passed by a united community.

Again on the 16th inst., he made his appearance on the streets, still more gaudily dressed, saluting his former acquaintances, as on his first visit.

On the 23d inst., he visited the people as formerly, with the announcement that he had come to stay. Long life and prosperity to the plucky publisher is the united acclamation of the citizens of Lake Charles.

HEBDOMADAL.

Bagdad Sittings.

The COMMERCIAL is read with a great deal of interest here.

Several ladies and gentlemen, from your city, passed through here en route for the Sulphur Springs, Wednesday.

Platz & Moss' saw and planer mills are steadily driving ahead, and have enough logs now available, to run them until Nov. 1st.

Our friend John L. Lyons, a prominent Beckwith Creek timber man, informs us that there is a sufficient quantity of logs now in Beckwith to run the mills for ninety days, "when it comes out."

The mercantile firms of Lewis Cooper, and Platz & Moss are shipping large consignments of general merchandise and groceries, by nearly every tug boat, to the timber districts on West Fork, and from the amount of merchandise going out it indicates a wholesale as well as retail business.

E. & O. E.

WEST LAKE CHARLES JOTTINGS.

Perkins & Miller's planer is running night and day.

Logs are beginning to come down the river, and the usual extensive business will soon be resumed.

The schr. Livonia Perkins is on Clooney's ways, and will not be on duty again until she has received a thorough overhauling.

Perkins & Miller's mill, now undergoing repairs, will be ready to resume sawing by the 15th of August. Then look out for lumber!

Mr. Johnnie Gray, who has been on a pleasure trip to Calcasieu Pass, returned Wednesday. He reports the weather just splendid, and "skeeters" awful.

A pulley broke in Stanton's mill Thursday morning, and caused considerable damage. The sawyer, Mr. Joe Stanton, received a severe cut in the side, besides sustaining several other ugly bruises.

A tie camp has been established about fifty miles up the river for the purpose of getting ties to build the new railroad through the pine woods. Mr. A. J. Perkins is the principal instigator of the plan of construction.

Mr. C. M. Richard returned Tuesday night from a trip to Opelousas, where he had been in quest of laborers for Perkins & Miller. He brought twelve or fifteen, and reports any number of them ready to start at a moments' notice.

The Mexican Central Railway barges, loaded with lumber bought of A. J. Perkins, and bound for Tampico, were safely towed to the Pass by tug Alert, where they will be taken in charge by the Mexican tug Tula, and taken to their destination.

We hear that the tug Nettie will soon be on duty again. She has been sadly missed by our citizens, and her return will be greeted with pleasure. Her whole-souled master, Capt. Ned, has made occasional trips with his sail-boat during the interval.

MAC MUD.

[Communicated.]

FAMILY GOVERNMENT.

There is no one business or transaction in life that is as loosely conducted as family government. In this loose age of the world almost everything is conducted in a loose, careless manner, hence it is not much wonder that the reins of family government are allowed to hang loose, and in some cases not used at all. The consequences of this course are becoming alarming. Why is it, that there are so many young men in prison? Some will say it is in a great measure attributable to the great increase of population, the vast number coming from foreign countries, etc. This is in part true; but it does not fully answer the question. There is one great leading cause: the want of home restraint.

The time now is, that the child is the master of the parents, and he rules with an iron hand. They are allowed to grow up to manhood without restraint, doing just as they like, and when they reach mature years they attempt to do as they please, and in so doing they violate the law, wound, or, perhaps, take the life of their fellow-man, and finally land in prison.

Look around you, think but for a moment, and how many can you call to mind who are now in prison, that were, from childhood, allowed to have their own way.

In this loose age no father takes his wayward son and talks kindly to him, pointing out the dangers attending his waywardness, and in a fatherly way directing into the right way. If parents would do this, hundreds, yes thousands, would be saved from a felon's cell, and a life of shame and dishonor to themselves and their relatives.

But this is not done, and the parents are to blame for the criminal life led by the son. This is sad, but, alas, it is too true.

HEBDOMADAL.

The election upon the question of incorporating the city of Beaumont took place on Tuesday at the courthouse. Only 224 votes polled, of which 115 were "Corporation," 107 "No Corporation" and 2 blank, thus giving a majority of eight for the incorporation of the town.

(Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise.)

Work on the Brooklyn bridge has been suspended for want of steel. The first instance of such a lack in a New York enterprise.

[N. O. City Item.]

A Vermont clergyman is reported as closing a sermon recently in this eloquent strain: "After crossing the mystic river we shall go on from the man to the angel, from the angel to the archangel, from the archangel to the celestial, from the celestial to the divine, and then, gathering the stars in clusters about our heads, dream out our endless dream of eternity!"—[Portland Argus.]

MARINE NEWS.

ARRIVALS.
Schrs. Quintana, Ripple, Leman No. 3, A. J. Perkins, Annie Hansen with 75 bbls. freight to Lockport.
Steam Tug Alert, with ten booms logs for Platz & Moss, July 25, 1881, out of main river.

Schr. Jessie arrived Thursday with about 60 bbls. assorted merchandise, on freight.

DEPARTURES.

From Lock & Co.'s Mill—
Schr. Quintana, 32,000 ft. lumber to owner.

Schr. Ripple, 18,650 ft. lumber to A. J. Perkins & Co., Galveston.

Schr. Leman No. 3, 51,993 ft. lumber to same.

Schr. Annie Hansen, with 38,687 ft. lumber to A. J. Perkins & Co., Galveston.

Schr. A. J. Perkins with 57,693 ft. lumber to same.

From Platz & Moss' Mill—
Schr. Gamock, with 41,000 ft. pine lumber for E. D. Sidbury, Corpus Christi, Texas, sailed July 24, 1881.

CALCASIEU LUMBER MARKET.

1st class pine flooring, drd., "	\$18.00
" " " ceiling,	13.00
" " " rough,	14.00
2d " " " "	1