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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All advertisements and communications intended for the MERIDIONAL, must be handed in by 12 o'clock M. on Thursday to ensure publication. This is an important business rule, which should not be overlooked or neglected.

Important Notice.

All persons wishing to make publications of tableaux, etc., are hereby notified that from and after date said notices must be accompanied by the printer's fee, or same deposited with the Clerk of Court, otherwise they will not be published. We cannot afford to work for glory, much less promises.
April 1st 1882.

It is the little man that seeth to greatness trifles.

Good deeds pan out better than good intentions.

We put up with folly more patiently than we do with injustice.

There is a mode of presenting that gives value to everything.

Do not consider any virtue trivial, and so practice it.

For sick headache and acid stomach, Bailey's SALINE APERIENT will give entire relief.

The necessities that exist are in general created by the superfluities that are enjoyed.

It is no vanity for a man to pride himself on what he has honestly got and prudently uses.

Any woman who feels poorly and is full of aches and pains once a month, should not hesitate to use Dr. Dromgool's ENGLISH FEMALE BITTERS.

Which is the greater duty—to love our neighbor, or to so behave that our neighbors will love us?

No grander thing can a man do than to give a helping hand to a young man who has been discouraged.

Modesty promotes worth, but conceals it just as leaves aid the growth of fruits, and hides it from view.

Elegance of language may not be in the power of every one, but simplicity and straight forwardness are.

What men want is not so much talent as it is purpose; not the power to achieve, but he will to labor.

Bailey's SALINE APERIENT is now recognized as the best and cheapest, and most pleasant cathartic in use, for the special cure of headache, constipation, heartburn, acid stomach, dyspepsia, etc. It cools and quiets, while as a sparkling summer beverage, it is delightful.

An Irish editor got out of a railroad car to take some refreshments, and the train started without him. "Stop there," he shouted, "stop, ye old stame wagin, ye've got a passenger aboard that's lift behind."

Brown says he hates inquisitive people, and the worst kind inquisitiveness, he thinks, is that exhibited by the man who stops him in the street and wants to know when he is going to pay that little bill.

Sea shore trips are now the order of the day and quite a number are on foot. It is certainly very exhilarating to lay aside the cares of business and domestic duties for a few days to enjoy the rejuvenating sea breezes, the briny baths, fresh fish—and—well, we were about to add, the musical, mischievous misanthropic mosquito.

Some of the Iberians have taken exceptions to our remarks upon the startling prevalence of crime in that locality and the crying need of a reform in the shape of a rigid execution of the laws or the organization of a gritty vigilance committee. We are not an advocate of vigilance committees except as a *dernier resort*, and wish to have it appear on record that we are decidedly a law and order man, but when law grows clumsy and weak in the knees, we don't propose to stand idly by and suffer our throats to be cut and our property pilfered. When such junctures as these arrive there is relief only in that higher law—SELF DEFENSE. It is somewhat significant, however, in this connection that none of the three journals of Iberia have dared to deny our statements in regard to the deplorable state of affairs existing there. *Verb. sat. sap.*

HEAVEN'S FIRST LAW—It is absolutely demanded that the mental and physical laws of our nature should be kept in equilibrium. System and order must be recognized as fundamental; any departure entails sickness, disease and death, as penalties. To be healthy, beautiful and buoyant, the whole constitution must maintain regular action in all its component parts. A female who imprudently exposes herself and becomes prostrated with headache, pain in the back, fever, irregular or suppressed monthly action, with constipation and loss of appetite must be restored to regular action, must be revitalized, recuperated at once, and for this purpose nothing equals Dr. Dromgool's ENGLISH FEMALE BITTERS. It is prepared expressly for all such diseases.

Anecdote of Mr. Lincoln.

When Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer in Illinois, he and the Judge once got to bantering one another about trading horses; and it was agreed that the next morning at 9 o'clock they should make a trade, the horses to be unseen up to that hour, and no backing out, under a forfeiture of \$25. At the hour appointed the Judge came up, leading the sorriest-looking specimen of a horse ever seen in those parts. In a few minutes Mr. Lincoln was seen approaching with a wooden sawhorse upon his shoulders. Great were the shouts and the laughter of the crowd, and both were greatly increased when Mr. Lincoln, surveying the Judge's animal, set down his sawhorse, "Well Judge, this is the first time I ever got the worst of it in a horse trade."

LEARN TO BE SHORT.—Long visits, long stories, long exhortations, long prayers, and long editorials seldom profit those who have to do with them. Life is short; time is short; moments are precious. Learn to condense, to abridge, and intensify. We can endure many an ache and ill if it is soon over, while even pleasures grow insipid and pain intolerable if protracted beyond the limit of reason and convenience. Learn to be short. Lop of branches; stick to the main fact in your case. If you pray, ask for what you desire and stop. If you speak, tell your message, and hold your peace. Condense two words into one, and three into two. Learn to be short.

Many persons take medicine for their ailments, and as soon as they feel better they disregard all directions and stop taking it. They try it again and again, and finally throw it aside as worthless, when, had it been persevered in from the start, a permanent cure would have been effected. Now in taking PRICKLY ASH BITTERS for all complaints of the Stomach and Bowels, remember to give the medicine a chance, and don't expect one or two doses to cure you.

From our Exchanges.

St. Landry Democrat: Work on the new jail is progressing. The walls of the first story are almost completed, and doubtless our jailer and his birds will ere long be snugly ensconced.

Morgan City Review: On Wednesday morning last, Sidney Mayo, a white boy about 11 years of age, fell into the water near Whitney Hall, and had sank the third time, and would have drowned, had it not been for the timely assistance of Cornelius Brashear, who sprang after him.

Orange Tribune: Train robbing has broken out again in Texas. On Saturday last, six masked men stopped the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Express at Blum station, and, with drawn revolvers, proceeded to go thro' the passengers. They got several hundred dollars in money and escaped.

Lake Charles Commercial: Mrs. Mary Ann Lyons whilst in the act of stepping down to the cistern yesterday, at the residence of T. J. Lyons in this town, missed her footstep, fell down and broke her leg near the thigh joints. The injury is all the more serious from the fact that the lady is over 70 years of age.

Lake Charles Echo: John Nelson, a Swede, went from Perkins' mill to Bagdad last Sunday to bid his friends good-bye previous to his leaving for Chicago. While in Bagdad he became intoxicated, and on his return to West Lake Charles in company with a friend, he fell overboard and was drowned. His friend did everything he could to rescue him, but as Nelson rose but once there was little chance to save him.

Opelousas Courier: We had another pretty severe storm on Wednesday night. There was a perfect flame of lightning; the rain fell in torrents; and a very high wind prevailed for several hours. A great deal of fencing was prostrated, and a few old buildings were blown down in the country. We learn that the gale was much more severe in St. Mary, and that many buildings were demolished, among the number three sugar houses. The rains and storms have done much damage to the growing crops in this section.

Times-Democrat: The heavy rain-fall of Tuesday night, which was more than two inches, caused, as we prophesied, a rise yesterday in the Teche. Beef and other streams in the Attakapas section, a rise, however, only of half an inch, much less than was anticipated. Last night's storm will add to this, and a further rise may be looked for in the river and all the tributary streams. Since these storms have extended so widely, reaching above Vicksburg, the good news of a further decline of the water in the overflowed section of the Teche can, therefore, scarcely be expected for several days.

Reports from Franklin show that the water is still running over the plantations on Bayou Sale, doing, however, but little damage.

Running a Newspaper.

[Denison Democrat.]

There is a man at present living in Denison who thought he could run a newspaper. His idea was to adopt a sensational style, so he let out, and in a week his partner dissolved with him, but still he kept on, and in two weeks had been whipped twice, had locked himself up in his room once, had been put in the calaboose three times, and paid over a hundred dollars fine. He saw this would not pay, and so he dropped down to the conservative whine, and all his old customers quit reading the paper. Then he published an anti-prohibition article, and the churches and temperance people set down on him. Then he let a temperance article go in his paper, and the whisky men at once refused to credit him for drinks. Then he tried blank verse and his exchanges published him as a fool; then he wrote a poem and his wife threatened to leave him. He then went in on obitu-

aries and the relatives of the parties mobbed him. Then he did nothing for two weeks and all his advertisers withdrew their cards. That man was ourself.

LICENSES.—The whole system of licenses is an abomination, and provision should be made for its partial or total abolition. What! tax a man in a free country before he shall have the right to earn an honest living? It's just the way to make tramps and paupers. It's the way to discourage and suppress industry and to keep many poor people from trying to earn an honest living. We speak more particularly in reference to the middle and poorer classes who find it hard, very hard, many of them, to keep the wolf from the door. There is a reform here which is badly needed.—*Advance.*

NOTICE.

Persons owing State Licenses are hereby notified that I am now in possession of the same, and that they must be paid within 30 days from date of this publication.
April 22d 1882.

G. B. SHAW.

Sheriff & Tax Collector.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abbeville until the 5th day of June, for publishing the proceedings of the Town Council, and for printing the necessary blanks and job work for the use of said Council for one year.

The proposals will be opened on that day and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder. The proposals must be endorsed, "proposals for printing" and directed to "the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abbeville."
R. C. SMEDES, Mayor.
W. B. WHITE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abbeville until the third day of July 1882, for keeping the public bridge crossing the Bayou Vermilion at the Town of Abbeville for one year commencing July 12th 1882. The proposals will be opened on that day and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

The proposals must be endorsed "proposals for keeping the bridge at Abbeville, La., and directed to the Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Abbeville."
R. C. SMEDES, Mayor.
W. B. WHITE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

SEALED proposals will be received by the President of the Police Jury until the 1st of May, for publishing the proceedings of the Police Jury, and the list of jurors drawn to serve in the District Court, and also to print all the necessary blanks for the use of said Police Jury for one year.

The said proposals will be opened on that day, and the contract of printing will be awarded to the lowest bidder. The proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for printing," and directed to the President of the Police Jury.
A. LACOUR, Clerk.

April 8th '82.

TOWN COUNCIL.

APRIL 8TH 1882.

The newly elected members of the Town Council assembled this day at the Court House as required by law, and having produced their credentials, and having been duly sworn to the oath of office, proceeded to organize as follows: R. C. Smedes took the chair and called the board to order; the following members being present, Lastie Broussard and Ophelias Bourque.

The Secretary, W. B. White presented the returns of the vote for Mayor and Aldermen and on the levying of a special tax at the annual election held on Monday the 3rd day of April 1882; action on the same was deferred until the next meeting.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet on Friday the 14th inst.

R. C. SMEDES, Mayor.

W. B. WHITE, Secty.

AGENTS WANTED.

To introduce into every County of the South

The History of the Bible. The best work to sell that has ever been published. Splendid Premium to every subscriber. For circulars and terms apply at once to The Henry Bill Publishing Co., 41, 43 and 45 Shupack St. Norwich, Ct.

C. A. Mouisset,

NOTARY PUBLIC, In and for the Parish of Vermilion Office at his residence in Prairie Greig.

DR. BUTTS' DISPENSARY.

Established 1847 at 12 N. 8th Street, ST. LOUIS, MO. THE Dispensary in charge of this old and well known institution is regular graduate in medicine and surgery. Years of experience in the treatment of Chronic Diseases have made their skill and ability so much superior to that of the ordinary practitioner, that they have acquired a national reputation through their treatment of complicated cases.

INDISCRETION EXPOSURE. Production of the blood, skin or bones treated with success, without using Mercury or Potassium Medicines. YOUNG MEN and those of middle age who are suffering from the effects of a disease that until the victim for business or marriage, permanently cured, at moderate expense.

PATIENTS TREATED. List of questions to be answered by patients desiring treatment mailed free to any address on application.

Persons suffering from Rupture should send their address and learn something to their advantage. It is not a trivial matter, and should be attended to.

Communications strictly confidential, and should be addressed to DR. BUTTS, 12 North 8th St., St. Louis, Mo.

PROF. HARRIS' RADICAL CURE FOR NERVOUS DEBILITY AND ORGANIC WEAKNESS IN YOUNG AND MIDDLE-AGED MEN.

Put up in neat boxes, of three sizes. No. 1, (enough to cure in 30 days) \$1. No. 2, (sufficient to effect a permanent cure, unless in severe cases, \$2. No. 3, (lasting over three months, will restore those in the worst condition, and who are unable to walk, to plain health. Full Directions for using will accompany each box.

Prepared and Sold ONLY by HARRIS REMEDY CO., Chemists, MARKET AND 8TH STS., ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE LIVER AND ITS FUNCTIONS.

It has become a well established fact that the larger portion of diseases to which the human family is subject arise in the liver. From some derangement of the liver, this organ is not only the largest, but at the same time one of the most important. The venous blood, as it returns to the heart, passes through this organ, and in its passage also the secretions which are necessary for digestion as well as for a cathartic to assist in the removal of waste material are eliminated. From this it is easily seen that the liver is liable to get out of order to a greater or less extent, and when it does so it is impossible for it to properly fulfill its office of removing all objectionable matter from the blood, but allows it to pass through, carrying with it the poisons of which it should have been relieved.

With impure blood the "booster" becomes affected, and no organ can properly perform its function unless it is supplied with pure blood to maintain its strength. So the liver becomes all important, and when one has the feeling of being continually tired, worn out, is constipated, with tenderness in the liver, Headache, Sick Stomach, Sallow Complexion, Eruptions of skin, etc., they may be sure their liver is out of order, and a remedy is required to assist nature in relieving itself of all accumulations, and restore it to its original strength and vigor.

For all the complaints of this kind there is no medicine so infallible as PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. It is a medicine of pure merit, and its ingredients, and being purely vegetable in its composition can be used at all times with beneficial results. It is not claimed as a cure-all, but for derangements of the organs mentioned, it is a specific and as a BLOOD PURIFIER it cleanses all other poisons. Ask your druggist for it, and give it a fair trial. If he has none on hand, ask that it be ordered for you.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. CURES ALL DISEASES OF THE LIVER, KIDNEYS, STOMACH AND BOWELS. FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. PRICE 1 DOLLAR.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a medicine of pure merit, and its ingredients, and being purely vegetable in its composition can be used at all times with beneficial results. It is not claimed as a cure-all, but for derangements of the organs mentioned, it is a specific and as a BLOOD PURIFIER it cleanses all other poisons. Ask your druggist for it, and give it a fair trial. If he has none on hand, ask that it be ordered for you.

MEYER BROTHERS & CO. SOLE PROPRIETORS, ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY, MO.

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE at New Orleans, La. April 1, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Abbeville, La., on May 13th 1882, viz: Clet Mignez, Homestead No. 4280, for the SE. quarter, Section 17, T. 11, S. 3 E. Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Zenon Landry, John Abshire, Jr., Theophile Abshire, Olivier Landry, of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

GEO. BALDEY, Register.

April 12-'82

PATENTS!

F. A. Lehmann, Solicitor of American and Foreign Patents, Washington, D. C. All business connected with Patents, whether before the Patent Office or the Courts, promptly attended to.—No charge made unless a patent is secured. Send for circular. feb21 '80-6m.

W. W. EDWARDS,

LAWYER, Abbeville, La.

Will attend to all business in the line of his profession in Vermilion or the adjoining parishes.

Notice.

LAND OFFICE at New Orleans, La. March 2, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Abbeville, La., on the 15th April 1882, viz: Celestine Touchet, Homestead No. 4285, for the SW. quarter, Sec. 28, NE. quarter of NE. Sec. 23, and SW. quarter of SW. Sec. 23, T. 11, S. 3 E. Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: F. D. Legé, Jean M. Beauché, Evariste Trahan and J. O. Legé, of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

GEO. BALDEY, Register.

March 11-'82.

NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between Drs. White and Chevis having been dissolved by the death of the latter, and settlement of the claims due said firm being necessary; all persons who are indebted to the same are requested to come forward at once, and pay the amounts which they owe said firm in order to avoid costs. Settlements may be made with either of the undersigned or Mr. H. B. Lyons.

Abbeville, La., Dec. 21st 1881.

W. D. WHITE, M. D.

VIRGINIA A. CHEVIS.

DOBBINS' ELECTRIC SOAP.

Having obtained the agency of this celebrated soap for Abbeville and vicinity, I append the opinion of some of our best people as to its merits. We have been using for the last 3 months the Dobbins' Electric soap, made by I. L. Cragin & Co. Philadelphia, Pa., and find that it washes and cleans the clothes more rapidly and more thoroughly and is in the end cheaper than any other soap we have ever used in our family. We can heartily recommend it and a single trial will convince all of the correctness of our assertions.

WM. MOUNT.

E. I. ADDISON.

ARCHIE YOUNG.

A. LACOUR.

I desire all my friends and customers to give this splendid soap one trial so they may know just how good the best soap in the U. S. is. Give it a trial and I am sure you will use no other.

A. D. MARTIN.

Abbeville, La. Sole Agent.

Official Notice.

The following is a probable estimate exhibiting the various rates of expenditure for the year 1882, adopted by the Police Jury at a regular session held on the 3d day of April 1882, and ordered to be published for thirty days in the official journal according to law before laying the same on the taxable property of this parish.

- 1 Criminal prosecution fine \$1.00
- 2 Grand, Petit Jurors, Jury Com. 10.00
- 3 Printer's & Stationer's 5.00
- 4 Parish & District Attorney 10.00
- 5 Sheriff for holding Court 10.00
- 6 Magistrates, Constables, Physician, Collector & Assessors 10.00
- 7 Police Jurors, Clerk, Constable, Finance Committee & Treasurer 10.00
- 8 Roads & Bridges 10.00
- 9 Paupers & Indigent persons 10.00
- 10 Public Schools 10.00
- 11 Special Jail Tax 10.00

By order of the Police Jury: Attest AMBROISE LACOUR, Clerk of the Police Jury.

NOTICE.

The Parish Assessor gives notice that he will be at the following places during the months of March and April to assess property in this parish.

- viz:
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| 2d ward, Henry J. Moss, March 21 | 20 |
| 2d " Cade's store, " 22 | 20 |
| 1st " Jean Pene, " 23 | 20 |
| 1st " M. C. Broussard, " 24 | 20 |
| 1st " C. H. Remick, " 25 | 20 |
| 4th " M. Villien, " 26 | 20 |
| 5th " Jno. Abshire, Jr. " 27 | 20 |
| 5th " Jno. Abshire, Jr. " 28 | 20 |
| 6th " Placide Montan, " 29 | 20 |
| 6th " Bernard Borbet, " 30 | 20 |
| 6th " Robert Green, " 31 | 20 |
| 6th " A. Theall's store, " 32 | 20 |

D. M. LYONS, Parish Assessor.

March 18th 1882.

Livery Stable.

The undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has opened a Livery Stable in the Town of Abbeville, where he is prepared to hire horses, carriages, hacks etc. and receive the same at very moderate prices. OPHILIAS BOURQUE.