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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President:
GROVER CLEVELAND,
of New York.

For Vice President:
ALLEN G. THURMAN,
of Ohio.

Crops in some portions of Kansas are reported suffering for rain, and the hot winds are doing much damage.

The Hon. Melville W. Fuller has been confirmed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is stated that cotton worms and grasshoppers are doing great damage in the cotton region of Durango, Mexico.

It is stated that Governor Nicholls has given notice that he will appoint as assessors those whom he himself considers best qualified for the position.

The citizens of Opelousas must feel sadly disappointed, as the United States senate has refused to give them the government building they were longing for.

The *Teche Pilot* this week comes out under the editorial management of Mr. Joseph W. Carew. The *Pilot* has long been one of our valued exchanges, and we bespeak for the new management the hearty support of its former friends and patrons.

Our young and charming widow friend, Mrs. Ava H. Hildenbrand, has again become entangled in the silken meshes of matrimony. She was married July 31, at Newport, to Captain C. E. Snypner, superintendent of the Gretna Oil Mills. We wish the new couple full realization of their dearest wishes.

Daily rumors reach us of the high-handed doings of a band of bold regulators in New Iberia, who are soundly whipping all violators of well established social and moral obligations. The feeling evidently is contagious, as we hear of similar doings in Lafayette parish and in the upper section of Vermilion. There is no telling where this thing will stop, and while it will doubtless accomplish much good, we are afraid some one will get hurt before it is finished.

Last Monday our sanctum was honored with a brief visit from Mrs. Martha R. Fields, "Catherine Cole," of the New Orleans *Picayune*, who paid this place a flying visit in company with Mr. H. L. Gueydan. Our town people regret very much having no opportunity of extending to the distinguished little lady the hospitality and courtesies they were so anxious to accord her. It is agreeable to entertain an angel unawares, but decidedly disappointing to learn that she has flown before you can find her. Do come this way again, gentle rambler.

The *Capitolian Advocate* has been purchased by the "Baton Rouge News Publishing Company," and will be run under the name of the *Advocate*, daily and weekly, as the official organ of the State. T. Sambola Jones mounts the tripod as editor, and John McGrath takes charge as manager. We wish for the paper in the hands of its new proprietors a continued prosperity and enlarged sphere of usefulness, and in bidding adieu to General Leon Jastremski will express a strong desire to soon see him again with his editorial harness on,

Vermilion Parish.

Timber is not plentiful in this parish, and this is almost its only drawback. But the parish of Calcasieu, joining it immediately on the west, contains vast quantities of pine, oak, cypress, hickory, etc., which can be easily brought through the heart of Vermilion parish, by steamers or sail vessels up the Vermilion river. On the Vermilion river, along the Mementau, on Bayou Queve Tortue, on Coulee Kinney and Grosse Isle Coulee, are considerable quantities of timber and wood in this parish furnishing plenty of fuel, but not much fencing or building timber. This timber is ash, magnolia, oak, hickory, gum, elm, beech, hackberry, prickly ash, cypress, linn, holly, wild cherry, pecan, walnut, etc. There is no pine in this parish. On the prairie it is very easy to raise a grove of china trees and willow or cotton-wood, which in four or five years will furnish a plenty of fuel for this mild climate. Steamboats and schooners running on the river, bring plenty of lumber and fencing, and exchange it for corn or sugar or molasses with the farmers along the river. Good yellow pine lumber can be had in small quantities for, from \$15 to \$22 per thousand feet, delivered on the river bank, and cypress from \$20 to \$30 per thousand; for considerable quantities, it can be bought for from \$2 to \$3 less per thousand. Good cypress shingles are worth about \$4 to \$5 per thousand. They are very durable.

The larger proportion of the population of Vermilion parish are descendants of the Acadian refugees, who were driven out of Acadia or Nova Scotia in 1755, and many of whom settled in this part of Louisiana a few years afterwards. To this class must be added a portion of French and Italian immigrants, and also a considerable number of Americans so-called, being natives of other States of the Union, both North and South. Quite a number of settlers are from Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and other Northern States, others from Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky etc. The people of French and Italian descent are chiefly Catholics, and those of English or from other States are generally Protestants. We have good public schools throughout the parish and a full free school of more than ten months in the year. We also have private schools and a convent in Abbeville for young girls and ladies, where all the branches of an English and French education are taught, also music and fancy work. Stock-raising occupies the chief attention of the old Creole and Acadian settlers, although some of them are very enterprising and pushing farmers. A great deal of money has been made by some of our large stock raisers, and is now being made constantly. The American class are generally devoted to agriculture, and do not pay much attention to stock-raising. Both branches are profitable, but stock-raising does not admit of building up the country when common wild stock are raised as in this parish.

Fine stock and sheep could be made very profitable here, as the climate is mild and grazing lasts the year through. But little food would be required to winter on, and cattle when well fed and sheltered, are very healthy and prolific. No portion of Texas can excel this parish for stock, sheep or horses, and a good market is near at hand. There is abundance of stock water of good quality, also for domestic purposes. The wells dug in the prairie are generally from ten to twenty feet in depth, and contain excellent water,

and underground cisterns can be made very cheaply, by plastering on the clay sides of the cavity dug. Springs are not numerous and are chalybeate at few there are.

There is at times an abundance of game in this parish. Deer and bear as well as turkeys and prairie chickens have been well high exterminated. But there are plenty of part-ridges, squirrels and hares. In winter geese and ducks by the millions flock to the marshes along the sea coast and bays, and through the prairies. These geese, brant and ducks get very fat, and are excellent for the table. Great numbers of woodcock resort to this region in winter, and remain throughout the winter season; from twenty to forty brace may be tagged per day by a good gunner. The Wilson snipe and three or four other varieties of plover and curlews, and sandpipers are found here in abundance. The Bartram sandpiper arrives here in August and is very fat and of extreme delicacy; they surpass anything of the kind to be found in the United States for delicious flavor. With the exception of short intervals, good shooting is to be had throughout the year.

Fish and oyster are abundant along the sea coast, in the bays and salt water bayous. In Vermilion bay are mullet, redfish, sheephead, turtles and crabs, and other kinds; in the Vermilion river and all the other rivers or bayous, are catfish, buffalo, sun perch and buss.

Shell Beach, Vermilion parish, was well represented at the recent Jennings fair. Dr. E. J. Hall exhibited some fine Irish potatoes, raised near Lake Arthur, some splendid duchess pears and black figs were also brought from Shell Beach. Messrs. D. Nankarford, Sosthene Vincent and J. P. Gueydan exhibited oats, cotton, egg plants twenty inches in circumference, corn, sugar cane, etc. This certainly speaks well for the enterprise of that portion of our parish, and it is to be hoped that the interest in such matters will grow to that extent as to soon enable Vermilion to have a fair association of its own.

General Philip H. Sheridan, commander-in-chief of the United States army, died at Nonquitt, Mass., on the night of the 5th. He was born in Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, March 6, 1831; was admitted to the United States Military Academy in 1848, and graduated in 1853. As soon as the news of his death reached Washington President Cleveland immediately directed that the flags at all military posts be placed at half-mast. His remains will be interred in the national cemetery at Arlington, across the river from the capitol. Cardinal Gibbons will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Mackin and Kerriek.

A special to the Times-Democrat, from Dallas, Texas, of the 24th, says: "Since Sunday morning a fierce hot breeze has been blowing over this part of north Texas, which threatens the destruction of vegetation of every description. Bermuda grass, lawns and walks which looked vigorous and green only last Saturday are withered and die as tinder. In some places the sod grass along the sidewalks has ignited from the stump of a cigar." Clippings like the above are so common in regard to Texas, that we wonder how any one could consent to leave Vermilion with its fertile prairies and sure crops to go to any place so uncertain.

The international fight between Jack Havelin, of Boston, and Frank Murphy, of England, for \$1000 a side, came off on the 2d at Verplanck's Point, on the Hudson, and after forty-eight rounds ended in a draw. Both men are said to have been badly used up.

What Florida People Live On.

"What do you Florida people live on in the summer?" "Fish." "What in the winter?" "Yankees." Alas! how many northerners draw their last breath in Florida, slain by that fell destroyer, consumption, who would have lived, had they used at first that marvelous specific for consumption, when not too far advanced. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—better than hypophosphites and cod liver oil, because more nutritive and tonic; also an invaluable liver corrective and blood-purifier, cleansing away all scrofulous humors (which cause consumption), and all other impurities of the blood, curing glandular swellings, goitre or thick neck, old sores, and ulcers. For sale by druggists.
Don't hawk, and blow, and spit, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

The attempted Chesterfield of the Crowley Signal having ascended to the sublime altitude of ability to "mind your own business," no doubt considers his cause and brutal attack upon Senator Avery a very elegant piece of high-toned civility.

DIED.

BROOKSHIER.—At the residence of her son, Mr. John A. Brookshier, in Abbeville, La., August 10, 1888, at 12:50 p. m., Mrs. E. A. Brookshier, aged 66 years 7 months and 16 days. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral which takes place from her late residence at 10 o'clock a. m. to-day.

VANSLYKE.—At the residence of her parents, in Vermilion parish, La., August 6, 1888, Nita Vanslyke, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vanslyke, aged 2 years 1 month and 3 days.

LA. STATE UNIVERSITY And Agricultural and Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, La.

The next session opens October 8, 1888. The curriculum embraces a thorough and practical course in Literature, Science, Agriculture, Mechanics and Book-keeping. The Faculty is full and able, equipments unexcelled, locality healthy, and discipline military. No charges for tuition—board, washing, fuel and lights, \$15 per month. Applicants must be 14 years old, and have a fair knowledge of the rudimentary studies. J. W. NICHOLSON, President.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Twenty-fifth Judicial District Court. Parish of Vermilion. No. 41.

Succession of Lucia Harry.
Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the tableau of debts, charges and final settlement of the succession of Lucia Harry, of the community formerly existing between Lufroy Provost and said deceased, filed by said Lufroy Provost, Natural Tutor, and pending for homologation, to file the same in writing in the office of the clerk of court within ten days from the date hereof.
Given under my official signature and seal of court this 11th day of August, 1888.
ALCIDE LEBLANC, Clerk of Court.
Smedes & White, attys.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Twenty-fifth Judicial District Court. Parish of Vermilion. Succession of Celise Vincent. No. 79.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the tableau of debts and charges and of provisional settlement and of the community formerly existing between said deceased and Seveune Primeaux, filed by said Seveune Primeaux, Natural Tutor, and pending for homologation, to file the same in writing in the office of the clerk of court within ten days from the date hereof.
Given under my official signature and seal of court this 11th day of August, 1888.
ALCIDE LEBLANC, Clerk of Court.
Smedes & White, attys.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Twenty-fifth Judicial District Court. Parish of Vermilion. No. 92.

Succession of Elizabeth Mouton.
Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the tableau of debts and charges and settlement of the succession of Elizabeth Mouton, filed by Alexandre D. Trahan, as Natural Tutor administering, and pending for homologation, to file the same in writing in the office of the clerk of court within ten days from the date hereof.
Given under my official signature and seal of court this 11th day of August, 1888.
ALCIDE LEBLANC, Clerk of Court.
Smedes & White, attys.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Twenty-fifth Judicial District Court. Parish of Vermilion. No. 215.

Ernest Raty vs. Marie E. Boudreaux.
BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued by the Hon. 25th Jud. District Court in and for the parish of Vermilion, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, with benefit of appraisal, at the court-house door in this parish, on **Saturday, September 15, 1888**, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., and continuing from day to day if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of the defendant, in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Vermilion parish on the west side of bayou Vermilion, containing two hundred acres; bounded north by Jules Guidry, south by Aladin Vincent, east by Duplessis Trahan and west by Mme. Lazare Broussard, Sr., together with the buildings and improvements thereunto belonging or thereon situated.
Another tract of land containing two hundred acres in same parish; bounded north by Mrs. Lazare Broussard, Sr., south by Joseph Clark, west by Joseph Duhot, east by Jules Guidry and Jules Fauselier.
Given under my official signature this 11th day of August 1888.
A. L. LEBLANC, Sheriff.

Louisiana State Fair

AND SHREVEPORT EXPOSITION
(third annual fair) takes place at Shreveport, La., November 5th to 10th inclusive. \$25,000 in premiums and prizes will be awarded. Liberal premiums for parish exhibits. The only fully equipped fair grounds in the State. Interesting programmes each day. Some of the finest race horses in the United States have already been entered. For premium lists and general information address:
M. L. SCOVELL, Secretary,
July 14, 1888. Shreveport, La.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Twenty-fifth Judicial District Court.
Parish of Vermilion.
No. 214.
Parker Foreman vs.

Edward Foreman et al.
To Edward Foreman, Benajah Foreman, Volney Foreman, Elmira Foreman, widow of Athanas Meaux, Louisa Foreman and her husband Erastus Perry, Latinda Foreman, Henry Foreman, Asa Foreman, jr., Celestine Foreman and Susan Spell, of the parish of Vermilion, Asa Foreman of the parish of Iberia, Isaac Foreman of the parish of Lafayette, and Parker Foreman, jr., of the parish of Calcasieu.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the plaintiff in the above entitled and numbered case will proceed, either in open court or at chambers, at Abbeville, La., on Tuesday, September 25, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m., to revive and re-establish the title and sale under private signature duly authenticated and recorded in the year 1881, by which he acquired the interests of the aforesaid parties in and to the following described lands, to wit:—The Southeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, of section six, in township eleven, south of range three east, containing one hundred and ninety-four 85-100 acres, as per official survey; at which time and place you will be present if you see proper.
SMEDES & WHITE,
Attys for Plaintiff.
Abbeville, La., August 4, 1888.

FOR SALE.

Fifty barrels first quality open kettle molasses, cheap for cash, for terms apply to W. L. VANSLYKE, Abbeville, La., Feb. 18, 1888.

5000 Book Agents wanted to sell THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICES OF



Grover Cleveland
Full and complete from his boyhood to his death in the White House, with personal reminiscences, incidents and anecdotes. The book also contains a special Form and a full and complete LIFE OF MR. GROVER CLEVELAND, together with a complete biography of ALICE G. CLEVELAND. This is the only authentic Life. Don't be induced to get any other. There will probably be unauthorized Lives, but this is the right one. It is a masterpiece, and we pay full transportation charges. Send 20 cents in 1c. stamps and be the first in the field, and also send the golden harvest. Write for full particulars and Special Terms to all. Address: WINTER & CO., Springfield, Mass.

CARRY THE NEWS TO MARY!

Fifty Dollars Given Away in Prizes

—AT THE—

SIGNAL STORE

O. BOURQUE, Proprietor.

To every cash sale or collection of one dollar a free ticket will be given, which will entitle the receiver to a chance on the following prizes:

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| 1 Parlor lamp valued | \$12 00 |
| 1 Chamber set | 10 00 |
| 1 40 pieces tea set | 10 00 |
| 1 Chamber set | 5 00 |
| 1 Nickel clock | 3 00 |
| 1 Lady jersey | 2 00 |
| 1 " " " | 2 00 |
| 1 Tin set | 1 50 |
| 1 Doz. heavy goblets | 1 00 |
| 1 Pair figures (bisque) | 1 00 |
| 1 Pair flower vases | 1 00 |
| 1 Doz. nappies | 50 |

OPHELIA BOURQUE.

Abbeville, April 21, 1888.

NOTICE.

Land Office at New Orleans, La.
July 30, 1888.
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 in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court, at Abbeville, La., on Saturday, September 23, 1888, viz: Paul Lapointe, who made Home Entry No. 7285, for the E 1/4 of W 1/4 of Sec. 10, T. 11, SR 2 East.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Stafford Morgan, Alexandre Abshire, Jules Campbell, Thos. I. Hoffpauir, all of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.
THOMAS J. BUTLER, Register.
August 4, 1888.

NOTICE.

Land Office at New Orleans, La.
July 24, 1888.
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 in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court, at Abbeville, La., on Saturday, September 8, 1888, viz: Demas Leblanc, for the Heirs of Jules Leblanc, Sr., who made Home Entry No. 5853, for the NW 1/4 of Sec. 3, T. 12, SR 3 E., S. W. Dist. of Louisiana.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Ernest Montagne, Guy Deland, U. E. Montagne, Theophile Abshire, all of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.
THOS. J. BUTLER, Register.
July 23, 1888.