

LAKE CHARLES COMMERCIAL.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1881.

D. B. Lyons has a lot of fine fat hogs for sale.

Go to Haskell's Variety Store for your New Year's presents.

Christmas passed off as usual in our town. No disturbance of any kind, that we heard of.

Just a few wanted to complete the 10,000 visitors at the cheap counters of A. H. Moss.

NEXT.—At Fricke's Opera House, E. ALMA & L. G. STUTTZ, and a Mammoth Star Co.

Read the new advertisement of L. Cooper & Co., headed "The Best Sewing Machines," and then go and buy one for a New Year's Gift.

L. Cooper & Co., Bagdad, have just received a large stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, etc. They invite the attention of the country trade to the low prices of everything in their line.

Midnight Mass was celebrated in the Catholic Church here Christmas-eve night. Rev. Father M. Kelly delivered an excellent sermon to a large congregation, and the music, by Prof. Hortig, and the singing by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Leveque, was sublime.

The Concert to-night, at Fricke's Opera House, for the benefit of the Methodist church here, promises an unusually interesting entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, blended with some literary features, and we have no doubt the house will be filled. Prof. Franz Hortig has kindly consented to act as musical director, and in that capacity he has no superior in this section of the State. Let us all go to the concert.

The best 10 cent cigars in the market are the "Optimates." Haskell keeps them.

JAS. A. LYONS, at the corner of Ryan and Division streets, has had one year's hard labor and experience merchandising on monthly statements, now resolves to sell strictly for cash, and will convince his customers, by the low prices, that it is to their interest to go to him to buy country produce equal to cash. He also offers a fair discount on all outstanding accounts presented before Jan. 1, 1882.

Before our readers, living at a distance, receive this number of our paper the year 1881 will have passed away forever, with its joys, sorrows, successes and losses; and a new year will be ushered in. The prospects for the new year, about beginning, are flattering. All kinds of business bids fair to be very prosperous during the incoming year. Merchants and mill-men are all quite well prepared to enter the arena, and contend amicably for the greater share of the profits in view. A happy New Year, and prosperous business year to all.

For a good 5 cent cigar, call at Haskell's for either the "Olivette" or the "Olden Time." They are the "boss."

St. John's Day, last Tuesday, was very appropriately celebrated by the Masonic brotherhood at Lake Charles. At the lodge hall, in the forenoon, in presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, the following newly elected officers of the lodge were installed: Thos. Reynolds, W. M.; A. Rigmaiden, S. W.; W. D. Mearns, J. W.; J. W. Bryna, Treasurer; D. Bloch, Secretary; Dosite Vincent, S. D.; T. H. Stanton, J. D.; D. W. Jessen, Tyler. At 3 p. m. the Masonic brethren and their families, numbering about two hundred and fifty persons, sat down to a splendid dinner at Fricke's Opera House, prepared by Capt. Reynolds, the proprietor of the Haskell House. At night the festival wound up with a Grand Masonic Ball. A great many visiting brethren from adjoining parishes were present, and the day, bright and clear as in spring-time, was greatly enjoyed.

In our last issue there was a communication in regard to the improvements of the city of Lake Charles, but space forbade giving all the improvements that have been made within the last twelve months. There is one improvement that has been made that was not noticed, that we deem worthy of note: that of Piatz & Moss' saw mill. This is one of the most perfectly constructed mills in the parish, and is an honor to its owners. There is attached to the mill a perfectly arranged method of protection and escape in case of fire, this is a stairway reaching from the ground to the roof, on which is a platform four feet wide, extending the whole length of the building, from which a most magnificent view of the lake and town can be had, and bids fair to be a place of public resort, during the warm season, for those desiring a place of pleasure.

THE DEMOCRAT'S ALMANAC FOR 1882.—The spirit of enterprise manifested by the manager of the New Orleans Democrat, which had made of this paper, even before its consolidation with the Times, the first and best newspaper in the South, again shows itself in the publication of the "New Orleans Illustrated Almanac for 1882." This is really more than an ordinary almanac; it is almost a magazine. Its illustrations are remarkable for their elegance and beauty. It is full of valuable information and choice reading matter. One of its peculiar features is its statistics of the Southern States, containing their area, population and the names of every State and county officer in these States. The Almanac is sent free to every new subscriber to the Times-Democrat.

Our mill-men are complaining that, for the want of tugboats, to tow the logs that are boomed and waiting to come down the river, they will be compelled to stop operations in a very short time. Cannot some one put a boat in this river? There is money in it.

PERSONAL.

F. A. Gallagher, Esq., returned from the city Wednesday night. Jas. A. Kinder, Esq., made a flying trip to New Orleans last week, returning Saturday night. J. P. Hodge, agent for the Fire Association of Philadelphia, visited our town this week. Thad. Mayo, Esq., our genial Clerk of Court, left Wednesday morning for New Orleans. Robt. Landry, our genial Ryan street merchant, returned from New Orleans Saturday night. G. A. Fenner, Esq., and Mr. A. Farque, took a trip to Big Lake this week, on business and pleasure combined. Messrs. C. M. Richard and J. H. McCormick, left yesterday morning for Opelousas, where they intend to spend New Year's. Mr. W. E. Thomas and lady, from Richview, Illinois, are visiting Lake Charles. They are the guests of Capt. O. M. Marsh. Capt. L. C. Hershberger and Capt. J. A. Hurd, inspectors of steam vessels from Galveston, were here this week, in their official capacity.

THE NEW ORLEANS PORCELAIN MANUFACTORY.—Our compliments are due to Messrs. Surgi & Destampes for their success in organizing the first porcelain manufactory on the American continent. This shows what patience, perseverance and talent will accomplish. When the art of manufacturing porcelain goods shall have progressed sufficiently to compete with the foreign article, and supply our home markets with everything needed, in the porcelain line, by the most fastidious, it seems to us that it will be with a feeling of joy and pride that Messrs. Surgi & Destampes might say: "To us is due the honor of having shown that porcelain goods could be manufactured in the United States." In this age of progress the new organization show that, in some things, we are far behind, in others we come out first.—[Capital and Labor.

STUTTZ COMPANY.—This Company is the strongest on the road. Miss E. Alma Stutz, as "Lucretia," in The Duchess of Ferrara, was perfect. Her reading and acting, combined with a rich clear voice, and a native dramatic fire, enabled her to portray the varied and conflicting emotions supposed to have agitated the woman known to history as the Duchess of Ferrara. Jefferson Democrat, Oct. 14, 1881.

Counsel to Young Men.

[Gretna Courier.] The first and greatest lesson a person can learn is, that he knows nothing. When he has thoroughly comprehended this fact, and that, intrinsically, he is of but little value, the next lesson will be, that the world cares nothing for him. He will not be noticed until he becomes noticeable; and he will not arrive at this point in the world's estimation, until he does something to prove that he is of use to society. No recommendation or introduction, will give him this, or ought to give him it, unless he does something to be recognized as somebody.

The third lesson to be committed to memory, is patience. A man must learn to wait as well as work, and to be intent with those means of advancement in life, which he may use with integrity and honor. It is natural for the mind to look for immediate results; therefore, young men, let this be understood at starting, the patient conquest of difficulties which rise in regular and legitimate channels of business and enterprise is not only essential to the securing of the success which you desire in life; but, necessary also to that preparation of the mind requisite for the enjoyment of it—and for retaining it when gained. It has been verified in thousands of cases that unearned success is a curse.

The foregoing advice is presented, which we trust will leave seed in rich soil, some of which taking root will bring forth good fruit.

Nearly every murderer claims to have been "inspired" with something or other, and nine times out of ten it is mean whiskey. If the inspiration theory is to succeed, let us be careful to select juries with an inspiration for hanging folks.—[Ex.]

"That house," said an observing gentleman, "was only begun three weeks ago, and now they are putting in the lights." "Yes," was the answer, "in three weeks more they will put in the livers."

That Harking Cure can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

Will You Suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

Sleepless Nights, made miserable by that terrible cough. Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

Cataract cured, health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Cataract Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

For Lame Back, Side or Chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cts. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is sold by us on a guarantee. It cures consumption. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for constipation, loss of appetite, dizziness and all symptoms of dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. Sold by Wm. Meyer.

R. K. R.—All members in arrears for dues are requested to come forward and settle immediately, or by the first Tuesday of January, anyhow. L. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

Arrivals and Departures of Mails POST OFFICE, LAKE CHARLES, LA.

New Orleans and Way Stations, leaves every day at 9:10 a. m.; arrives at 10:50 p. m. Galveston, Houston and Way Stations, leaves every day at 10:30 p. m.; arrives every day at 6:10 a. m. Cameron, Rose Bluff, Johnson's Bayou, leaves Mondays and Thursdays at 6 a. m.; arrives Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11 p. m. Dry Creek, Sugar Town and Leesville, leave Mondays and Thursdays at 6 a. m. arrive Tuesdays and Saturdays at 6 p. m. Hickory Flat, The Bay, Phillip's Bluff, leave Mondays at 6 a. m.; arrive Tuesdays at 7 p. m. Office open daily, Sundays excepted, from 7 a. m. until 8 p. m. Money Orders issued and letters registered, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Office open Sundays from 7 to 10 a. m., and from 5 to 8 p. m. No money orders issued or letters registered on Sundays. T. B. FERREN, P. M.

Calcasieu Lumber Market. 1st class pine flooring, 8x8, 10x10, 12x12, 14x14, 16x16, 18x18, 20x20, 22x22, 24x24, 26x26, 28x28, 30x30, 32x32, 34x34, 36x36, 38x38, 40x40, 42x42, 44x44, 46x46, 48x48, 50x50, 52x52, 54x54, 56x56, 58x58, 60x60, 62x62, 64x64, 66x66, 68x68, 70x70, 72x72, 74x74, 76x76, 78x78, 80x80, 82x82, 84x84, 86x86, 88x88, 90x90, 92x92, 94x94, 96x96, 98x98, 100x100, 102x102, 104x104, 106x106, 108x108, 110x110, 112x112, 114x114, 116x116, 118x118, 120x120, 122x122, 124x124, 126x126, 128x128, 130x130, 132x132, 134x134, 136x136, 138x138, 140x140, 142x142, 144x144, 146x146, 148x148, 150x150, 152x152, 154x154, 156x156, 158x158, 160x160, 162x162, 164x164, 166x166, 168x168, 170x170, 172x172, 174x174, 176x176, 178x178, 180x180, 182x182, 184x184, 186x186, 188x188, 190x190, 192x192, 194x194, 196x196, 198x198, 200x200, 202x202, 204x204, 206x206, 208x208, 210x210, 212x212, 214x214, 216x216, 218x218, 220x220, 222x222, 224x224, 226x226, 228x228, 230x230, 232x232, 234x234, 236x236, 238x238, 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