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Town and Parish News.

-Ma. E. A. Biossat is slowly convalescing.

-Buy your Boots, Shoes and Hats at the Red Plow.

-Work on the levee up Second Street is progressing steadily.

-Mr. J. M. Armstrong has moved into his new home on DeSoto street.

-You can get a pair of rubber overshoes at the Red Plow store for 50 cents.

-The Flower Brothers made a shipment of sugar to Kansas City, Mo., last week. Good-bye, New Orleans.

-District Court opens in Avoyelles on Monday next. A majority of our lawyers will lend their appearance.

-The property of the Walter O. Wign estate, situated on Bayou Rapides, will be sold by the Sheriff on Saturday.

-At this particular time of the year every one is getting ready their Christmas turkey, fruit cake, mince pies, etc.

-The annual moving spree will be indulged in by numerous of our citizens towards the latter part of the present month.

-Mr. W. O. Dammon, acting for the Red River and Coast Line, on last Saturday rented the Sullivan warehouse for 1886.

-The Hamilton Brown Shoe Co.'s \$2.50 shoes for sale at the Red Plow store. This is the best shoe for the price ever offered in this market.

-A BURNING chimney in the Fourth Ward created quite a stir on Sunday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock. No alarm, however, was sounded.

-MAJ. Watts will issue "Moose" marriage licenses than usual next week. -[Town Talk.]
 Yes, he will do a "Rushing" business.

-The river at this place for the 24 hours ending yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, had fallen one inch, and read on the Government gauge one foot below zero.

-COLFAX has the boss lawyer when it comes to "befuddling" - (Bro. Goodwyn's word) a jury, as was clearly proven at the last term of the District Court at that place.

-We learn in a round about that Zera Semon will be here and perform on the nights of the 10th, 11th and 12th. Our readers will remember the pleasure had at his performances last year.

-JUDGE E. North Cullom would make an able and patriotic successor to Hon. Chas. Parlange in the State Senate. Avoyelles is entitled to it this time, too, on the score of rotation. -[City Item.]

-Mr. C. A. Schnack, minor member of the well known firm of Ferguson & Schnack, left on the Morgan train yesterday for New Orleans, to stay in their usual stock of Christmas and Holiday goods.

-Mrs. N. L. McGinnis and family returned home from their Texas trip on Saturday last. They visited whilst away several of the largest cities of the Lone Star State and were much pleased with the sights they saw

-Dr. Thomas H. Maddox and Gen. G. Mason Graham, two of the oldest citizens of the Parish, were in town on Monday. Though both have passed the four-score notch they seem to be in the very best of health. May they both live to be centenarians.

-THE annual election of officers of the Rapides Medical and Surgical Association took place on Saturday last with the following result: Dr. James S. Fish, President; Dr. F. S. Meeker, Vice-President; Dr. John Casson, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Julius A. Johnston, Secy. and Treasurer.

-As per previous announcement Bishop Durieu spent last Friday in our Town. On Saturday he visited Big Island, where he administered Confirmation on Sunday morning. He returned Monday and left again Tuesday morning for Spring Creek, where he will administer Confirmation to-day. He will be in our Town to-morrow, and will leave Friday morning for Natchitoches.

-Mr. Henry A. Biossat, formerly of Alexandria, but more recently of Columbus, Miss., where he moved with his family about eighteen months ago, has again changed base, and is now managing a five story hotel in Toledo, Ohio. He feeds his boarders very well, indeed if we are to judge from the bill of fare given on Thanksgiving Day, a printed sample of which he forwarded to this office. We wish Henry well; he has the get-up to make a boss hotel man.

-IN conformity to a proclamation of Gov. S. D. McEnery, most of the business places in the several Towns throughout the State were closed in respect to Vice-President Hendricks, who was buried yesterday. But here in Alexandria we could not or would not do it. The fact is we hardly ever observe anything, whether coming from the President of the United States, Governor of the State, or anybody else, and in this rut we will continue, by Jove!

MISSION AT ST. JAMES CHURCH.
 -Bishop Galleher will preach a mission at St. James Church, Alexandria, beginning Sunday next. Services will be held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Confirmation will be administered Wednesday night. The Rector will hold his conferences with candidates for Confirmation each evening at 4 o'clock. The chief object of this mission will be to strive to arouse interest in spiritual concerns. Everybody is invited and urged to attend. The evening appointment while for all is chiefly for men.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1886 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This Almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fifth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, etc., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1886 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot possibly procure one in his neighborhood.

To Our Readers.

We cannot too strongly urge upon our readers the necessity of subscribing for a family weekly paper of the first-class, such, for instance, as *The Saturday Evening Post*, of Philadelphia. Were we obliged to select one publication for the very best reading, to the exclusion of all others, we should choose *The Saturday Evening Post*, which undoubtedly is the best and purest periodical in America for every member of the home circle, filled weekly with the noblest thoughts of the best writers and thinkers in the world—replete with thrilling romances, fascinating adventures, and graphic sketches; overflowing with good things to suit all conditions and employments in life. No family can afford to be without it. It has been the unfailing source of happiness to great numbers of noble men and women of two generations and is better than ever to-day. It has the most remarkable history and honorable record of any paper on the continent, and is a welcome visitor everywhere. No other paper can possibly fill its place or serve as a substitute. It affords all the pleasure of the most fascinating reading without carrying mental or moral impurity into any home. Only \$2 a year, for more and better reading than through any other source. Our readers can do no less than send a postal for a free specimen copy, or for fifty cents the paper will be sent on trial to new subscribers, three months or thirteen weeks, enabling them to judge of its merits more critically. Address the Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, Pa. Lock-Box.

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