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WEDNESDAY, ... NOV. 25

—Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarhoea Remedy. For sale at the Phoenix Drug Store.

—Testimony was taken on last Wednesday, before J. F. Statham, Notary Public, in the suit of Mrs. Martha L. Wells vs the United States, for reimbursement of the value of property taken possession of and appropriated by the Federal army during the civil war. Mr. John C. Daugherty, attorney-at-law, of Washington City, represented the interests of the United States.

For the Holiday Excursions to the Southeast.

The Southern Pacific—Atlantic System, on December 21st and 22nd, 1896, will sell round trip tickets to all points in the Southeast, good to return within 30 days from date of sale, at rate of one fare for the round trip.

For the Holiday Excursions, tickets will be on sale Dec. 23rd, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and Jan. 1st 1897, from all points to all points in Louisiana, good for return up to and including Jan. 3rd, 1897, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

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A Great Opportunity.

We give away, absolutely free of cost, for a limited time only, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, a book of 1008 large pages, profusely illustrated, bound in strong paper covers, to any one sending 21 cents in one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only. Over 680,000 copies of this complete family Doctor Book already sold in cloth binding at regular price of $1.50. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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605 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La.

Knocked on the Head and Robbed.

An itinerant sewing machine and clock repairer by the name of C. H. Ford was knocked on the head and robbed of $156 last Saturday night about 8 o'clock near the Watkins Railroad crossing, one mile from this city. Ford says he was hit on the head twice with a heavy club by a negro, who who was very black and wore a cap, but as it was very dark he could not recognize who it was. His trousers pockets were cut open and his money taken out. He came to town a short time after the occurrence, and Dr. R. L. Luckett, parish physician, attended him and dressed the wounds. His head was cut badly and looked as if it had been done with a knife. Ford had only been in this community a short time and was on his way to Woodworth when assaulted.

Thanksgiving.

To morrow has been designated by proclamation of the President of the United States as "Thanksgiving Day." It should be generally observed, for every one has something to be thankful for, if nothing else, the mere fact that his life has been spared, is sufficient cause for gratulation. Of course, there are some unfortunates not possessed of a sufficiency of this world's goods, to have the regulation turkey *et caeteras*. We direct the special attention of this portion of our citizens, to the notice of City Treasurer James T. Flint, which appears in another column. Besides, the ladies of St. James Episcopal church will provide a nice dinner at the city hall on that day for the small sum of 25 cents, proceeds to be devoted to the purpose of insuring the church building against the ravages of fire. Hence, there is no reason why the poorest citizen of this town should not be able to procure a good dinner on that day.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

W. W. MCCLURE, EDITOR.

AN ACADEMY OF SILENCE.

In the ancient Egyptian city of Thebes, was once founded an Academy of Silence. The membership was limited to one hundred and was made up of the most thoughtful men in the world.

Hearing of a vacancy, a learned Greek walked from his home in Greece to Thebes, but when he arrived the vacancy was filled. The Academy would have been honored in admitting the Greek; but how could the members, in silence, communicate their disappointment? To convey this sad message to the Greek, the president presented to him a vessel filled with water; but the Greek placed a leaf upon the water and placed a zero before the number one hundred. He was admitted, and to show their appreciation they placed the zero after the number one hundred.

Our land is full of academies, but not academies of silence. You can point out academies of music, academies of art and academies of general education; but can you name one academy of silence? In other words, education to-day seeks *expression* rather than development of silent thought power.

The reason of this is obvious. The printing press has crystallized thought. All the new thoughts of ages are preserved for the use of the student. Here is one vital mistake in our teaching. Our text books and our teaching is a compilation of facts which we give out in allopathic doses—the dose being determined by the swallowing capacity of the pupil.

Teacher.—Has the burden of your message been facts, facts, facts; or have you stimulated some minds to think? If you have awakened but one thought, have stimulated the mind to give birth to one mental product, you have done more than if you should have succeeded in having your pupil memorize a thousand thoughts of others.

But you say the process is too slow. Why spend time in leading pupils to create old thoughts? The results are not his. The thoughts are not his thoughts.—His mind has not conceived them. He has memorized them much like a parrot. Education is a drawing out, a development of latent powers.

Were we to make an honest confession, many would admit that memory has been developed beyond other faculties of mind. Yet the student leaving school or college cannot perform as marvellous feats of memory as he did when he was from two to four years old. Then he memorized his national language and perhaps two languages. He cannot do the same in after years, but the child is not educated. He has not acquired mental power to think, to reason, to will. No, memory is not education. Thought is power, is education.

Would we have our schools to be academies of expression, let them first be academies of silence; for years of study, of quiet investigation must precede intelligent expression. In the words of Bacon: "Read (study) not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider." CHAS. O. BEERY.

The editor would like to have other teachers follow Prof. Beery's example.

Rapides Parish Teachers' Association.

Program for the Meeting to be Held at Alexandria, La., on December 4th and 5th, 1896.

General Subject—Arithmetic.

1. When the Child Should Begin Numbers—Misses Emma Jones and Marie Gillespie.
2. The First Week in Numbers—Misses Jennie Ford and Pinkie Britt.
3. What Should Be Accomplished the First Year in Numbers?—Misses Ada Waters and Fannie Cooper.
4. Addition and Subtraction—Mrs. M. V. Crawford, Edwin Orr and A. C. Flowers.
5. The Multiplication Table—James Robrecht and W. C. Cudd.
6. Division—Henry Mercer and J. N. Deloach.
7. How to Begin Fractions—R. A. Parrott and Miss Althea Self.
8. Decimals—S. S. Halstead and Mrs. L. A. Armstrong.
9. Percentage—W. W. McClure and G. M. Rudisill.
10. To What Extent Should Definitions, Rules and Principles Be Committed to Memory?—O. N. O. Watts and Miss Anna Erwin.
11. The Practical and the Disciplinary Value of Arithmetic—H. J. Daigre.

Meetings will be held on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Every teacher in the Parish is earnestly requested to be present and to be prepared to discuss all topics. The President of the School Board has given his consent for schools to be closed on Friday, Dec. 4th.

Prof. R. L. Hines, State Institute Conductor, Superintendent J. V. Calhoun and Prof. B. C. Caldwell will be with us.

Let us have a grand educational rally!

Executive Committee { W. J. CALVIT, Prest. Assoc'n. MISS BESSIE ERWIN, I. J. VAUGHAN, S. A. MYERS, Chairman.

Notice to Teachers!

Notice is hereby given to all white Teachers of Public Schools in the parish of Rapides, that there will be a meeting of the Parish Teacher's Association, held in Alexandria on the 4th and 5th of December, at which meeting the the required Institute work will be done in connection with the usual work of the Association. All the Teachers should feel it a duty to make sacrifices for the benefit of their profession, and they will be expected to be present on the occasion, as we may have the presence of the State Superintendent and State Institute Conductor.

Those to whom work has been assigned, will be required to prepare it. The attention of all is directed to the published Program, and the Public is especially requested to be present at all the the sessions. W. J. CALVIT, President of Association and Parish Institute Conductor.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Only fifty cents at Eagle Drug Store.

The Tramp Nuisance.

As soon as the rigors of cold weather set in, the army of tramps, like the illimitable flocks of geese and ducks, seek a warmer climate than that of the Hyperborean regions of the North, where perpetual ice and snow prevail and of course, they migrate Southward and generally stop somewhere in "Dixie's Land."

The tramp especially can not be blamed for seeking a more hospitable climate, as he is but thinly clad at best. The geese and ducks have the same plumage all the year round and are supposed to migrate Southward, in order to exist through the winter, nature having taught them that life's sustenance cannot be extracted from "Mother Earth" when covered with several feet of snow or the waters of the rivers and lakes when frozen so deep that heavily laden wagons can drive over them without any danger of breaking the icy surface. Hence, we naturally look for the tramp in winter—as well as the geese and ducks—and must be prepared to accommodate him when he arrives on his annual migratory expeditions.

Without any desire to be considered as moralizing, these remarks have been induced by the *unjust* reflections which our Shreveport cotemporaries have been recently casting upon the poor and forlorn tramps, who seek food and shelter in that hospitable city. While we agree with them that it is a problem almost incapable of solution, how to abate the tramp nuisance, we must take him as we find him and assist him along the rugged road of life's journey, for "he wants but little here below, nor wants that little long." Or to be plain and avoid the use of language susceptible of a double construction, our Shreveport neighbors should treat him as we do in Alexandria, give him food and cast off raiment when he invades the privacy of their homes and demands such little gratuities, thereby encouraging him to come and remain with them during the bleak and wintry months, but never shock his acute sensibilities or "run the risk" of throwing him into convulsions, by just giving him the glimpse of a wood pile, buck and saw.

—If you have a good property to insure, go to J. W. Alexander and get a good policy on it.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. Gus Gehr went to New Orleans Sunday.

—Mr. A. G. Compton was in town several days ago.

—Mr. C. L. Robinson, of Lamourie, was in town Thursday.

—Mr. J. J. Ferguson left Sunday night for New Orleans.

—Mr. L. C. Sanford, of Bayou Rapides, was in town last Friday.

—Mr. C. R. Haworth, of Lamothe P. O., called last week, to renew his subscription.

—Mrs. R. M. Quigley, of Mansfield, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ferguson, of this city.

—Mrs. Dennis Kelly returned home last week from a visit of several months to relatives in Mississippi.

—Mr. P. H. Davidson, of Lamothe P. O., was in town last Thursday, exchanging salutations with his legion of friends.

—Mr. John C. Blackman left Sunday night for New Orleans, where he will matriculate as a student at Tulane University.

—Miss Lizzie Ferguson returned last Saturday night from a visit of several weeks to her sister, Mrs. R. M. Quigley, of Mansfield, La.

—Mr. H. G. Goodwin, editor and proprietor of the Colfax *Chronicle*, en route to Baton Rouge and New Orleans, gave the DEMOCRAT an appreciated call on Saturday last.

—Mr. Jonas Rosenthal returned from New Orleans Monday morning, whither he had been in attendance for the past two weeks upon his brother, Mr. Mires Rosenthal whom we are glad to learn is convalescing and his physicians think will be able to return home in about two weeks.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Cailouette, Druggist Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at the Eagle Drug Store.

EXCURSION TO ALEXANDRIA.—Mr. C. Hemphill will give an excursion from Monroe to Alexandria next Sunday, November 29th. On that day, there will be a series of races and other entertainments at the Welch Driving Park, in this city. Joe Joe, Norman, Free Silver, Bessie, Top Sail, Wizard and other noted horses, will compete for the championship of our race track. Fare $1.50 for the round trip. Train leaves Monroe at 7:15 a. m., returning will leave Alexandria at 8:30 p. m. The first two coaches will be exclusively for colored people.

BORN:

To Mrs. John P. Grogan, of Alexandria, La., on Tuesday morning, November 17th, 1896, at 4 o'clock, a daughter.

To Mrs. W. S. Miller, of Lamourie, on Thursday, November 19th, 1896, a daughter.

NECROLOGICAL.

PHILLIPS.—Capt. G. W. Phillips, aged about 50 years, died on the U. S. dredge boat, Lone Star, near Alexandria, on Thursday night, Nov. 19th 1896. The deceased was a resident of Shreveport, where he leaves three children to mourn his demise.

WHITFIELD.—W. S. Whitfield, aged 40 years, died at the residence of his brother, J. D. Whitfield, in West Alexandria, on Sunday morning, Nov. 22nd 1896 and was interred in the Pineville cemetery the following morning at 10 a. m.

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HOMESTEAD NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 18, 1896.

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 Clerk of District Court at Alexandria, La., on January 4, 1897, viz: Jacob Gunter, who made homestead entry No. 14342, for the E½ of N W¼ and E½ of S W¼, Sec. 26 T. 1 N. R. 2 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: D. I. Willis, Louis Edwards, Dan H. Willis, W. W. Mallette. All of Forest Hill, La.

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Slates, bound and plain	5 to 30 "
Pencil boxes	5 "
Sponge, good size	5 "
1 package Japanese toothpicks	3 "
" Hotel toothpicks	5 "
Combs	5, 10 and 15 "
Tooth brushes	5, 10 and 15 "
Hoyt's Cologne	5 and 10 "
4 oz. bottle machine oil	5 "
Vaseline, per bottle	5 and 10 "
Shoe blacking	2 and 4 "

Toilet Soap, 3 cakes	5 cents
" better quality	3, 4 and 5 "
Boys' and Men's Jack knives	3 to 35 "
Butcher knives	10 and 15 "
Table knives and forks, per set	40 "
Knife steels	15 "
Coffee drippers	10 to 20 "
Fire shovels	5 and 10 "
Envelopes, per package	3 and 5 "
Composition books	4 "
Men's black socks, per pair	5 "
" better "	30 "
Children's undershirts	10 to 25 "
Ladies' "	15 to 50 "
Men's Canton flannel undershirts	25 to 50 "
" " " drawers	25 to 50 "
" Wool undershirts	$1 00 and $2 00
" mixed wool	25 to 50 cents

Men's white and colored shirts	40 to $1 00
" unlaundried shirts	40 to 60
" overshirts	25 to 50
" wool overshirts	60 to 1 40
" night shirts	50
" Jeans pants	50 to 1 75
" Cassimere pants	90 to 3 75
" and Boys' Caps	10 to 45
" " Hats	20 to 2 50
" Shoes	1 00 to 3 00
Boys' "	1 00
Ladies' "	85 to 2 25
Child's and Misses' Shoes	25 to 1 00
Men's and Boys' Suspenders	5 to 45
Cotton checks, per yard	4½ to 5½
Calico, good quality	5 and 6
Ticking	7 to 15
Lace curtains, per pair	50 to 1 00

Hanging lamps	$2 00 to $2 75
Stand lamps	25 to 1 75
Lamp chimney No. 2	7 and 13
" " No. 1	5 and 10
Ladies' Hose, per pair	5 and 10
Blankets, per pair	45 and 1 00
Tinsel table covers	1 00
Ladies' Capes	1 00 to 6 00
" Side combs	5 to 15
Zephyr, all colors- per ounce	5
Ladies' straw Tom Boys	10 and 15
" covered "	25 and 50
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Men's Oil Grain	$1 00
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" Dress Shoes	1 40
" Hand-made Shoes	$1 50 to 3 50
" Velvet Slippers	75
" Patent Leather Pumps	1 25
Ladies' Polkas, best make	95
" Button and Lace Shoes	85
" " " Dress Shoes	1 00
Misses' and Boys' School Shoe, button or lace, heel or spring heel	1 00

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100 Cheviot Suits	75 cents
100 Navy Blue Cheviots, double breasted	$1 00
100 " " Flannel Sailor Suits	1 00
100 " Jersey Suits	$1 50 to 3 00
500 Suits of cast-iron make	2 25 to 5 00
200 Youth's Suits	3 50 to 8 50
200 pairs Knee Pants, 4 to 14 years	15
100 Men's Suits, in round and square cut	5 00
100 Navy Blue Suits	7 50
100 Clay Worsted and Corkscrew	8 50
100 Fancy Cassimere Suits, worth $15 00 at	$10 00
Men's Overcoats	3 50 to 8 50
Boys' "	1 25
500 pairs Jeans Pants	40
500 " " " all wool	65
100 " Cassimere Pants	1 00
200 " " " all wool	1 75
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