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WEDNESDAY, . . . . . DEC. 30 POLICE JURY.—The Police Jury will meet in regular session next Monday.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The School Board will convene in regular session on Saturday, January 9, 1897. Griffin, Boarding House.

If you want to be treated right when in Alexandria, go to the Griffin Boarding House.

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.—A prosperous New Year and long life, is the wish of the LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT to all of its patrons and mankind in general.

Removal Notice.

Dr. R. O. Simmons has moved his residence and office to corner Fourth and DeSoto streets, opposite the Opera House, where he can be found by all persons desiring his professional services.

When most needed it is no unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale at the Phoenix Drug Store, E. J. Sullivan, Proprietor.

Mr. John Hunter returned last week from Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. R. P. Hunter.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed in the Spring, when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison.—Headache, indigestion, constipation and dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. Only 50 cents per bottle at the Eagle drug store.

Major C. T. Pieton is manager of State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Pieton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale at the Phoenix Drug Store, E. J. Sullivan, Proprietor.

Christmas.

Christmas day was a beautiful, sunny one and although rather cool, seems to have been enjoyed by everybody. It was less noisy than usual, on account of the "Fire-Cracker Ordinance," the "small boy" being restrained by it from an all day and all night display of pyrotechnics in the streets. While a few of the "boys" are said to have imbibed too much egg nog, every body was good natured and no casualty has been reported by the Police, as a result of Christmas festivities in Alexandria, on the 25th day of December 1896.

Stock of Goods Sold.

The stock of goods surrendered by Chas. Gerst & Co., insolvents, to their creditors, was sold Monday at public auction pursuant to advertisement, by Mr. W. C. Johnson, Syndic and purchased by Mr. Samuel Rubin proprietor of the Alexandria Bargain Store, for the sum of \$2963 cash. Gerst & Co. were engaged in the dry goods business, corner of Front and Murray streets, this city, but becoming financially embarrassed, various creditors sued out attachments against them. A short time after the attachment suits had been filed and service made upon them, they made a surrender for the benefit of his creditors.

About the hour of 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, an alarm of fire was sounded, notifying the people of Alexandria, then lost to consciousness in the somnolent embrace of Morpheus, that a disastrous fire was raging somewhere within the city limits.

It was soon ascertained, from the brilliant glare which lit up the Heavens, that the Exchange Hotel, a two story frame building on Second street, F. G. Key, lessee, was being rapidly consumed by the fire fiend.

The hose companies of the several wards promptly responded to the alarm and were soon upon the scene of the conflagration. But the fire was under such full headway before the alarm was given—the building being constructed entirely of wood and burning like tinder—the heat was so intense that it was almost impossible to attach the hose to the hydrants, and even after that was accomplished, they had to retire to such a distance, that they could not resist the fiery element with effective power.

They fought the ravages of the fire, however, for more than two hours and succeeded by almost superhuman exertions in saving adjoining buildings, which everyone supposed must be abandoned to the flames.

The Exchange hotel was entirely consumed from Second to Third streets and is at this writing a mass of smoking ruins. The frame building belonging to Mr. H. W. S. Lund, on the opposite corner and occupied by Messrs. White & Thornton, as a law office, was ignited from the heat and partially consumed, a considerable portion of the library, papers and other effects being saved. The Ryan building immediately adjoining the hotel was miraculously rescued after it had been ignited both inside and out, but is considerably damaged.

Callegbar's saloon, the Town Talk office, residence of A. Albert, A. P. Williams and the Dupre property were also set on fire from the heat and flying sparks, but were extinguished as often as the fire made its appearance.

The Exchange Hotel belonged to Mrs. B. Osborne, was valued at \$13,000 and insured in the agency of J. W. Alexander for \$8,000.

The furniture and fixtures, belonging to F. G. Key, lessee, was also insured through the Alexander agency for \$1,800.

The Ryan building was insured in the same agency for \$2000.

All the furniture of the hotel was destroyed, the inmates and guests barely escaping with their lives and with what little wearing apparel they could hastily don.

So far as known, there was no loss of life, but several were burned and one so badly that it is feared he may not survive.

The members of the hose companies deserve and will receive the everlasting gratitude of the people of Alexandria. No more heroic exertions were ever made in the history of fires, to save the property of others from the flames. It demonstrates conclusively the abundance of the water supply and efficiency of the fire department and ought to have the effect of still further reducing the existing rates of insurance.

Pro Bono Publico.

We are authorized to announce that there has been a bet made upon the result of the municipal election which takes place next Monday. A friend of Mr. Crawley bets that Mr. Crawley will be the successful candidate, and a friend of Mr. White takes the bet. The bet is for \$150 and is on deposit in the Rapides Bank. Should Mr. White be the successful candidate, the \$150 remains in Bank, to the credit of our hose companies and is to be distributed equally among the four companies. The Chief of the Fire Department is fully authorized to draw a check for said amount.

Mr. John W. Heard, a former resident of Catahoula, but now of Iberia parish, gave us a call yesterday. Mr. Heard desires to rent about 100 acres of land in this parish.

Judge E. E. Galligan, of Forest Hill, gave us a pleasant call yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Simmons left several days ago for Mississippi, on a visit to relatives.

REV. J. WILMER GRESHAM

Yesterday Ordained a Priest of the Episcopal Church.

J. Wilmer Gresham, B. D., was ordained a priest yesterday forenoon at Christ Church Cathedral, by the Right Rev. Davis Sessums, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana.

The young minister is a native of this city and is a son of James A. Gresham, Esq., a gentleman well and favorably known in business circles. He was educated at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and was ordained deacon in August, 1895. Since then he has assisted in evangelical work in the parishes of Rapides and Natchitoches town, and in Mansfield and Boyce.

Rev. Mr. Gresham returned last night to Alexandria, where he will reside, and he will engage in pastoral duties in the three towns just named for a few months until he is placed in charge of a parish. The ceremony of ordination was attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the young minister, and several of them partook of the holy eucharist with him.

Bishop Sessums delivered a short exhortation on the duties and responsibilities of the priesthood, and gave good and sound advice to the newly ordained priest as to his conduct, and for his guidance, in the dignified office into which he had been inducted.—[N. O. Picayune.

An Ante-Christmas Homicide.

On Thursday December 24th 1896, the residents of Alexandria in the vicinity of Front and Johnston streets, were surprised by the resounding echoes of several pistol shots in quick succession. It soon transpired that the shooting occurred at the intersection of said streets, as a negro named Jordan Dilworth ran down Johnston street, opened the door of the LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT and said that he had been shot by W. L. Duncan.

He was spitting blood at the time, started down the steps and as he reached the bottom step sank down upon the ground and expired in about fifteen minutes.

Dr. R. L. Lockett, the Coroner, held an inquest upon the body. An examination showed that he had been shot in the back, the bullet penetrating the spinal column and passing through one of the lungs and causing internal hemorrhage. The weapon used was a .38 calibre five shot revolver.

The jury rendered a verdict that he came to his death from a pistol shot inflicted by W. L. Duncan.

It is said that the difficulty grew out of an attempt of Duncan to collect \$1.25, balance due him by Dilworth on the purchase of a hog several months ago.

As there are several conflicting versions of the unfortunate tragedy and not desiring to prejudice the case of the accused, we refrain from comment and will leave the matter to be judicially determined. Duncan was arrested shortly after the commission of the crime and committed to jail, where he will remain until delivered by due course of law.

Dilworth was a tenant upon the plantation of Capt. Jas. G. White, a few miles below town.

Duncan lived with his father, W. L. Duncan, at Welchton, and was engaged in merchandising and planting.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding la grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at the Eagle drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.

Removal Notice.

Ernest Barber takes this method of notifying his patrons and the public in general, that he will move his barber shop, on or before the 1st day of January, to the building on Second street now occupied by W. H. Boyle, where he will be pleased to have a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him.

Closed Under Attachments.

Mr. John J. Potts, an attorney of Monroe, La., came to Alexandria last Thursday and sued out attachments against Meyer's Star Emporium, dealers in clothing and furnishing goods, in favor of the following creditors in the following amounts: P. & S. Adler, St. Louis, \$1,000; P. Lowenberg, Homer, La., \$6000; Monros National Bank, \$2100; Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, \$2000; Miss Eva Steiman, Cincinnati, \$2100; Meyer Bros., Monroe, \$7315; Ben Adler, St. Louis, \$376. The establishment was closed by the Sheriff the same day. The parent establishment was at Monroe, and was also attached for the same amounts.

IMPORTANT.

Two good Schools in one—the Southern Normal School and the Bowling Green Business College. The departments of Bookkeeping, Stenography, Telegraphy, Penmanship, Type writing, well equipped in the Business College. English, Teachers' Scientific, Classic, Music, Art Education Courses special features of the Normal.

\$95.00 Pays all expenses of board and tuition in the Business College for a term of five months. Good positions secured for worthy graduates.

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Special party of pupils under the management of T. C. Cherry, to leave New Orleans for Bowling Green, Ky., the 12th of January.

Special railroad rates guaranteed to all who join this party. Write for catalogue and full information.

Mention the course desired. Address CHERRY BROS., Bowling Green, Ky.

—A woman never really knows the meaning of happiness and content until she is the mother of a healthy, happy child. The health of the child depends on the health of the mother, both before and after birth. Most all of woman's weakness, and particularly the weakness that most strongly influences the health of children, comes from some derangement or disease of the distinctly feminine organs. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure troubles of this nature. It should be taken regularly by every woman during the entire period of gestation. It gives strength to all the organs involved, lessens the pains of childbirth and insures the health of both mother and child. Send 21 one cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, and receive free a copy of Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, New York.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Clerk of the Court:

White.—H. E. Bishop and Miss Mary Lourey; J. A. Weeks and Miss Ida Parker; W. P. Carruth and Miss M. A. Marler; C. L. Starnes and Miss Lula Gadfrey; J. H. Bishop and Miss Victorine Loderie; S. T. Smith and Miss Lena Turner; Frank E. Osborne and Miss Sarah E. Randolph.

Colored.—Augustus Banley and Cora Coleman; Ananias Shain and Lizzie Schiner; Fred Dennis and Estelle Watson; Foster Amos and Agaline White; King Jackson and Louisa Sibley; John Wilson and Sophronia Epps; Granville Harris and Lucy Reed.

—Justice of the Peace, Thos. B. Daniel, of Holloway's Prairie, called Monday and subscribed for the LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT.

HYMENEAL.

OSBORNE-RANDOLPH.—Mr. F. B. Osborne and Miss Sarah E. Randolph were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father, near Forest Hill, La., at 8 o'clock last Wednesday night, Rev. B. L. Price, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Alexandria, officiating.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. B. H. Randolph, a prominent and influential citizen of the parish, and the groom is a rising young business man of this city, where they will reside.

The DEMOCRAT tenders congratulations to the young couple and wishes them much happiness and prosperity throughout their marital journey.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL close on Christmas and New Year's days. The remaining clear or school days of Christmas week will be required to be taught at the end of the school term of each school giving holiday during Christmas week. C. A. SCHNACK, President. GEO. O. WATTS, Secretary.

The Early Bird Catches the Worm.

Good goods sold cheap catches the bargain hunter. We want your company. FOR CASH WE SELL:

- Pins, per paper . . . . . 1 and 4 cents
Needles, " . . . . . 1, 2 and 3 "
Thread . . . . . 2 and 3 "
Good lead pencil . . . . . 1 "
1 dozen pen points . . . . . 3 "
Ink, David's black, per bottle . . . . . 3 "
25 soapstone slate pencils . . . . . 5 "
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 "
Toys' 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 . . . . . 80 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 . . . . . 4 1/2 to 5 1/2
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
" trimmed Hats . . . . . 40 to 3.75
Barege veiling, per yard . . . . . 15
" " " . . . . . 10, 15 and 25
We sell all silk baby ribbon, . . . 4 yards for 5 cents
We Keep a supply of Crockery, Glass and Tinware.

NEW YORK RACKET STORE, Cor. Third and Murray streets, F. E. McDERMOTT & CO. Opposite City Square.

OPENING OF GRAND BARGAINS.

If you desire to buy goods at retail for wholesale prices, come to see the ORIGINATOR OF BARGAINS.

The Alexandria Bargain Store

is the only place where you can get the latest novelties in Dress Goods, the best make in Clothing, the best wear in Shoes and a full line in Gents' Furnishing Goods and Notions, at prices which were never heard of before. Note a few of the many bargains:—

DRY GOODS.

- 3/4 Bleached and Brown Domestic . . . . . 4 cents
1 yd wide Bleached and Brown Domestic . . . . . 5 "
Shirting Calico . . . . . 3 1/2 "
Fancy Calicoes, in fancy designs . . . . . 5 "
Solid color Sateens . . . . . 9 1/2 "
7/8 Fancy Sateens, worth 15 cents . . . . . 10 "
Fancy Worsteds . . . . . 10 "
Teazle Downe Flannellettes . . . . . 10 "
Corsets, all sizes . . . . . 20 and 50 "
R & G Corsets, the best make, . . 50, 75 and \$1.00

A very fine line in Men's, Ladies' and Children's HOSIERY at very low prices.

IN UNDERWEAR

- I am the leader.
Ladies' Knitted Vests . . . . . 20 cents
" Fine Merino Knitted Vests . . . . . 50 "
" All wool Vests . . . . . \$1.00
Men's Fleece Shirts . . . . . 25 "
" Merino Shirts . . . . . 50 "
" Switz Condy Shirts and Drawers, suit \$1.75
" " fancy . . . . . 75 "
Percale Shirts, fancy designs . . . . . 25 "
Heavy Woolen Top Shirts . . . . . 50 "

A full line of TOP SHIRTS, and best makes, at very low prices.

SHOES.

- Men's Oil Grain . . . . . \$1.00
" Lace and Congress . . . . . 1.00
" 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

A full line of SACHS, best make, in all toes and styles, at very low prices. A full line of

HATS and CAPS

50 per cent. cheaper than elsewhere.

CLOTHING.

- 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 Worsteds and Corkscrew . . . . . 9.50
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
100 " Fine make . . . . . 2.50
100 Howard Mills, the best make, in different styles and designs, at very low prices.

A full line of

Blankets and Comforts

at prices lower than the lowest. A fine line of Ladies CAPES and JACKETS in the latest designs and styles. We also carry a full line of LACES, HANDKERCHIEFS, TOWELS, TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, BED SPREADS, CURTAINS, etc. I will give you special prices on RUGS.

Come one! Come all! and be Convinced!

DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE IN THE PLACE Remember the Pioneer Originator of Bargains: THE ALEXANDRIA BARGAIN STORE S. RUBIN, Proprietor. Front Street, opposite Ferry Land. Country orders solicited. Samples sent on application.