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CONVICTS.—If the rumors floating about our colored population are to be credited, there are several escaped convicts in the woods east of town. Several colored persons claim to have been stopped on the road early this morning, and chased by these mysterious high-waymen, and there appears to be a general scare among the colored denizens in that vicinity. Is there any real foundation for these reports, or are they simply "will-o-the-wisps" of the imagination?

Since the above was put in type, we inquired of Sheriff Dason if he thought there was any truth in these rumors. He remarked that he had investigated the matter and traced it to the statement of one man, and from all he could learn he placed no confidence in the stories. He thinks the rumor originated from the report that some convicts had made their escape from the guards in another parish above here, and that therefore, some timid ones concluded some of them were hiding near Opelousas.

Snake Story.—We learn that Mr. Diomed Durio, who has a contract for fencing a large winter pasture on bayou Waxin, killed seven large rattlesnakes in one spot on last Tuesday, one of which was seven feet long with a body six inches in diameter.

One of the laborers called Mr. D.'s attention to the queer actions of a rabbit which would run back and forth and always stop at a certain point with signs of great fear. He shot the rabbit with his pistol and while he and the laborers were investigating the ground a grand chorus of rattles warned them of the presence of the poisonous reptiles. They commenced war on the snakes and dispatched seven before the onslaught was finished.

We are truly sorry to hear, as we go to press, of the death, on Friday morning, of our promising young townsman, Mr. Harry Wartelle. We tender to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy. He was only 30 years of age.

RAYNE, LA., Aug. 26, 1885.

Editors COURIER:

The crops of this section, so far, have turned out much better than has been known for many years. The corn crop is so large that on some places a part of it will have to be sold in the field. Nothing like a fair price will be paid until the surplus of the crop is sold; some have commenced to house, but it is yet too soon, and the weather too warm and wet. The cotton crop is also large, and the picking of the fleecy staple has been going on for some time on some places, while on others they have not yet commenced. The daily rains which we are having greatly interferes with the picking and causes that which opens to rot. The worms here made their appearance in some localities, but they are fast disappearing and are webbing themselves up in the leaves of the plant, to renew their attack in three or four weeks, when they will begin their disastrous work. The rains are causing the crop to shed freely, and it is said that on some places the crop will fall short fully one-half. The daily showers also greatly interfere with the gathering of the rice. The yield turns out well, and a large crop is anticipated. The planting of Irish potatoes in the month of May, and the present fall moon being the proper time to plant the second crop. The sweet potato crop is an unusually large one, which will enable many to dispose of more corn than usual. Rayne is getting to be a lively little town. The building boom is again springing up, while improvements are going on, on every side. Lumber is in demand in both town and country, and our mayor, Mr. B. H. Harmon, is doing a thriving business with his lumber yard. Mr. J. D. Bernard is having a building erected on the corner of Texas Avenue, which is 45 feet long by 26 wide. Our enterprising merchant, Mr. Thos. P. Bowden, is having a large store and residence built on Texas Avenue; the dimensions are 26 by 60; it is covered with galvanized corrugated iron roofing. Mr. Bowden will soon take charge of his new quarters, when he will enlarge his stock of fancy family groceries. There are others building, and many more contemplate doing so soon. Mr. L. A. Duclos recently opened a drug store on side the railroad, near the depot. Mr. Columbus Hoffmann opened a grocery store on Adams Avenue last week. Mr. George R. Tolson recently purchased half interest in the drug store known as M. P. Young & Co., on Adams Avenue. Mr. Tolson is a druggist and has charge of the store, where he is doing a good business. Mr. Taylor Delatt has removed his cotton gin within the town limits and is fitting up everything in new; he has put up a 20 horse power engine with which he intends running two gins. Mr. Sydney Arceneau last week received a large lot of fence wire with which he intends to enclose 1250 acres of land for farm and pasture about four miles north-east of this place. The general health of the country has not been good for some time. The blind staggers among horses still prevail. It is said that the disease is worse among flats and low lands. Ticks, canelle-bugs and mosquitoes are plentiful and very annoying.

Yours respectfully,
O'NEAL EAST.

A Walking Skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of 48 pounds." Call at M. P. Young & Co.'s drug store and get a free trial of this certain cure for all lung diseases. Large bottle \$1. 3

FOR RENT.—A small town residence; will be rented low to a good tenant, if applied for soon. Apply at this office.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cts. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

Federal Patronage.

East Carroll Democrat.

Heart Pains. Palpitation, Dropsical Swellings, Dizziness, Indigestion, Headaches, Sleeplessness, cured by "Wells' Health Renewer."

"Rough on Corns." Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns." 15c. Quick complete cure. Hard or soft corns, warts, bunions.

"Buchu-Palpa." Quick, complete cure, all Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases, Scalding Irritation, Stone, Gravel, Catarrh of the Bladder. \$1, Druggists.

"Bed-Bugs, Flies." Flies, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice, gophers, chipmunks, cleared out by "Rough on Rats." 15c.

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"Mothers." If you are failing, broken, worn out and nervous, use "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

"Life Preserver." If you are losing your grip on life, try "Wells' Health Renewer." Goes direct to weak spots.

"Rough on Piles." Cures Piles or Hemorrhoids, Itching, Protruding, Bleeding, Internal or other. Internal and External Remedy in each package. Sure cure, 50c. Druggists.

"Pretty Women." Ladies who would retain freshness and vivacity, don't fail to try "Wells' Health Renewer."

"Rough on Itch." Cures humors, eruptions, ringworm, tetter, salt rheum, frosted feet, chilblains.

"Rough on Catarrh." Corrects offensive odors at once. Complete cure of worst chronic cases, also unequalled as gargle for Diphtheria, Sore Throat, Foul Breath. 50c.

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References—Hon. Geo. W. Hudspeh, H. L. Gerland, Atty. L. L. Tansy, Atty., E. D. Estrelin, Hon. B. A. Martel and J. O. Chachere, clerk of court.

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