

The Bossier Banner

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FOR DELEGATE TO CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION,
COL. J. A. SNIDER.

New Year's Thoughts.

The old year has but a few hours to live—will soon be gone never to return. Grim old grey bearded time never rests from his tireless march, and his venerable hour glass, already hoar with the dust of buried centuries, never fails in its ceaseless duty.

How true it is that blessings brighten as they take their flight. We never appreciate the value of a day as when the sinking sun tells us it is dying.—We never so fully realize the golden opportunities of a year as during the last week. And so with life. One of the most illustrious of English Queens would have given her Kingdom for a short extension of time when it was too late. Travelers in the olden days to the golden shores of California used to halt on the crest of the Rockies for breath, and for a backward and forward glance. So we now stand on an annual crest in the pilgrimage of life, with the angels of Memory on the one side and of Hope on the other, the one a historian and the other a prophet.

With some it is a time for memory and for tears.

When memory takes a retrospect of all the past, When the soul awakes to hopes that could not last.

The wasted moments, hours and opportunities of 1897 force upon us the question, How shall we redeem the hours and opportunities of the year whose seal will soon be broken, whose pages or leaves the Angel of Time will soon begin to turn? How shall we redeem them, buy them back, as chattels from a broker? Save them from final and eternal loss?

The Old Year will soon be numbered with the things that were, but many scenes of the past, of joy and of sadness, of moments of pleasure and of pain, will, as the days go by, again come knocking at the heart's door.—Another year has ended. We are a year older, a year nearer the grave.

The New Year is upon us. Saturday morning we will open a new volume in the calendar of time—turn a new leaf whose surface will be as white and pure as snow. Are the pages of this great volume here and there to be stained with shame, blistered with dishonor, scorched with passion or blackened with crime? Or will we, rising to the high potentiality of our nature, write upon its every page noble deeds and pure thoughts? Life is just as we may prefer to make it—for good or evil. May the good only be ours.

Let us look forward to hope where there is reason to hope, and press on with wisdom and energy in the proper discharge of our respective duties and the execution of our obligations to society. There is room for work, none for despair. It is well known that the highest and noblest efforts of human nature are brought out by trouble and sorrow; the greatest men have been those who have overcome difficulties. That man or woman is most to be admired who has the moral courage to march bravely up to the trying vicissitudes which overtake them in the great battle of life, rather than those who yield to every obstacle; despair at every reverse of fortune and murmur at every wave of trouble.

In conclusion, we extend to each and to all of our readers a Happy New Year. To those who have gone far into the sere and yellow leaf, we trust its close will find them still on the sunny side of the stream and with the pleasant reflection that the year past has been pleasantly and profitably spent. To the more vigorous and active, who have to meet the frowning emergencies of every-day life, may their labors be crowned with success. To the young, before whose gay vision the world lies out

as beautiful as the delirium of a cloudless dream, may it prove a continuous anthem of joy—perfect in all its parts and with melody in its every tone.

Our New Year Resolutions.

1. To publish a clean and wholesome newspaper.

2. To not allow an article in type that any man need hesitate to read aloud before his wife or daughter; as the columns of the Banner for more than thirty-five years past will show.

3. To be always on the side of good morals, good government and good citizenship; to support with our utmost zeal and ability the supremacy of law and the orderly administration of justice.

4. To labor diligently and perseveringly for whatever will promote the material prosperity and industrial growth of this town and parish.

5. To tell the truth without fear or favor, prejudice or partiality.

6. Our worst enemy shall be the Wrong, our best friend shall be the Right, and our constant aim shall be the public good.

This is the season of the year when, to use the language of the poet:
And now bad habits come to grief,
As we turn again the leaf
That's new;
And for ten or fifteen days
We try to bid our former ways
Adieu.

Yes, on next Saturday morning of the new year of 1898, a large proportion of the inhabitants of the United States, and Bossier parish in particular, will register, with more or less ostentation, a solemn vow, with more or less mental reservation, to do or not to do certain things, or in other words, to endeavor to do in the coming year those things that one ought to do and to leave undone those things that one ought not to do, just for a change; but in the majority of cases New Year resolutions are very much like the resolutions in a political platform. After the election the candidate forgets all about them.

The very strongest resolution born January 1, 1898, will begin to wobble on its legs before the month is out, and about February 1 will give a final gasp and die in inaction. And a great pity it is that such is the weakness of human resolves in this age, where there is such a wide margin for improvement in so many directions. There is a large class of self-righteous individuals who believe that the swearing-off period comes around expressly for the benefit of others—that they, themselves, have no occasion to reform, and that the aforementioned other fellows should make a lot of resolutions and adhere to them like a porous plaster that has been properly applied.

It is not violating any confidence to state that the year of 1898 will not differ from its predecessors in respect to the swearing off and swearing on again process, but will continue to do business at the stand in the coming year.

So let us all wish for each other a happy New Year, and that we may be able to face the bill collector on Saturday morning without flinching.

That the fact of having six holidays in the space of two weeks will not unfit us for good solid work Monday.

That we may all turn over a new leaf, put a big rock on it and sit on the rock if necessary.

Plain Dealing Dots.

On Wednesday evening, December 23d, Mr. Nat W. Stewart was married to Miss Mary Nuckolls at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. O. Nuckolls, by Rev. T. H. Carter.

Nat is a hustler and one of Bossier's coming lights, as already evinced by his business qualities, and well deserves the prize he has won; and Mary, with her womanly bearing, kind disposition and sterling qualities, will play her part in the drama of life in a manner fitly becoming a true wife.

"May they live long and prosper." The Christmas tree in the Baptist church in this place on Christmas eve night was a beautiful sight, and caused many of the little folks and some of the large ones to rejoice.

At an election of officers in the Masonic lodge of this place, held December 27th, for the ensuing year, there were elected: Dr. R. H. Blackburn, W. M.; J. G. Allen, S. W.; A. Miller, J. W.; E. D. Burgess, S. D.; T. B. Bixler, J. D.; W. B. Boggs, Treasurer; T. Z. Barnett, Secretary; E. J. Cochran, Tyler; B. W. Schenbeck and J. R. Odum, Stewards.

F. H. Glascock, of St. Louis, has taken charge of the barber shop at this place. He is a first-class barber; give him a trial. His work is giving satisfaction.

The new and beautiful goods at Carter's jewelry store, 202 Texas street, Shreveport, will delight you. See them!

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Personal Paragraphs.

Miss Emmet Tidwell is visiting Mrs. C. O. Gayle.

Miss Annie Currie, of Shreveport, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Belcher.

Mrs. R. L. Adger, of Rush Point, visited relatives in Benton this week.

Mrs. D. B. Stinson spent last Thursday and Friday in Shreveport.

Mrs. J. B. Thompson and Mrs. W. A. Elder visited relatives in Benton Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Arnold and Miss Lina Tidwell are the guests of Mrs. L. A. Brownlee.

Mrs. J. W. Dixon, of Rush Point, spent Monday and Tuesday in Shreveport.

Mrs. W. E. McDade, of Bluffs P. O., is spending a few weeks with relatives in Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elder, of Marshall, Texas, are spending the holidays with relatives at Alden.

Mrs. C. Best and her daughter, Miss Iva, of Bossier City, are the guests of Mrs. T. M. Yarbrough.

Mrs. Ed. Best, who spent two weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. W. W. Stinson, returned to Shreveport last Thursday.

Mr. W. C. Copes, associate editor of the Camden (Ark.) Beacon, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Belcher, this week.

Married, Mr. Will Heard, of Polinger, to Miss Sallie McLeod, by Elder J. S. Campbell, at Lone Star Mill, near Benton, on Dec. 23, 1897.

Mr. John S. Glover, of Alden, and Miss Alice W. Zimmerman, of Shreveport, were married in Shreveport by Rev. W. H. LaPrade, on the 21st inst.

Married, on Dec. 29th, at the Star hotel, in Benton, Mr. J. H. Oden, of Canfield, to Miss Roxie Halbert, of Lewisville, Ark.; Elder J. S. Campbell officiating.

Mr. Green Whorton, of Collinsburg, and Miss Hepsy Hendricks, of Benton, were married by Rev. P. H. Hensley, at the Court House, on the 24th inst.

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Notice!

I will prosecute any one, not a legally qualified Parish Surveyor, who, in future shall run boundary lines between separate owners in Bossier parish; or who shall place the usual Parish Surveyor's marks on trees along boundary lines; or who shall deface or cut into witness trees at section corners; or who shall remove any post, stake or monument set by any Parish Surveyor.

A legally qualified Parish Surveyor is one who was nominated by the Governor to the State Senate, was elected by the Senate, and has given a \$2000 bond, and been duly sworn into office.

GEO. D. ALEXANDER,
Parish Surveyor of Bossier Parish.

Election Proclamation.

By virtue of the authority conferred on us by law, we hereby give notice, and proclaim that an election will be held in the parish of Bossier, at the various precincts as now established, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, at which time there shall be voted for one delegate from this parish and thirty-six delegates from the State at large to the Constitutional Convention to be held in New Orleans on the second Tuesday in February, 1898, under Act 52 of the Acts of 1896.

Said election shall be held at the voting places now established, and under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana. The polls will be opened at each polling place in the parish from the hours of 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and during said day of election all bar rooms and places where liquors are kept, within one mile of any voting place, shall be closed and remain closed until 12 o'clock p. m., and no liquor shall be sold or given away within the specified limits.

W. J. JOHNSTON, Chairman.
H. J. LENOIR,
H. H. MONTGOMERY,
Election Supervisors for Bossier Parish,
December 30, 1897.

Constable's Sale.

S. Harold for use of No. 88, in Third Helperin Bros. Justice's Court, the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana.

W. Wyatt Griffin, Plaintiff vs. Justice of the Third Ward of the Parish of Bossier, La., and to me directed, I have placed and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, the following land, within the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, February 5th 1898, the following described property, to-wit:

The southeast quarter of northeast quarter, section 11, and southeast 1/4 of northeast quarter, section 12, all in township 21 North, range 14 West, containing 1.0 acres, more or less, with improvements thereon.

The above described property seized as the property of defendant, Wyatt Griffin.

Terms of Sale—Cash, subject to the benefit of appraisement.

J. J. DOOLEY, Constable.

Homestead Entry No. 4152.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., December 23d, 1897.

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 the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on February 4, 1898, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4152—John M. Faircloth—for the north half of northeast quarter of section 34, township 20 North, range 12 West, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Taylor, Gifford Means, Reubin Means and John Payne, of Bolinger, La. EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.

Homestead Entry No. 5283.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., December 27th, 1897.

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 the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on February 4, 1898, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5283—John M. Faircloth—for the north half of northeast quarter of section 24, township 20 North, range 12 West, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. R. Lockyer, R. A. Fox, W. R. Bumgardner and S. F. Bumgardner, of Midway, La. EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.

Red River Plantation for Rent.

I will on Saturday, January 8th, 1898 at the Court House door, in the town of Benton, La., lease to the highest bidder the south part of Buck Hall plantation for the year of 1898.

A. R. THOMPSON, Sheriff.
Benton, La., Dec. 30, 1897.

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Stray Sale.

Strayed before me, F. R. Garrett, Justice of the Peace, ward 4, Bossier Parish, La., by J. C. Johnston, and will be sold at Red Land, La., within the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, January 15th, 1898, the following described live stock, to-wit: One Small Brindle Cow, marked with a crop and under half crop in the right and crop and two splits in left ear, wearing a large bell; one red and white spotted calf, unmarked and about 1 year old.

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The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, &c., or the same will be sold according to law.

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Notice to Trespassers.

No hunting or fishing on my place will be allowed. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. CURTIS.

Immigration Agent.

Parties wishing to sell land would do well to confer with me.

J. E. ADGER,
Hughes' Spur, Bossier Parish, La.

J. J. W. Lowry.

Attorney at Law, Benton, La. Will practice in the Courts of Bossier and Webster parishes.

Murff & Webb,

Attorneys at Law, Benton, Louisiana. Will practice in the Courts of Bossier and adjoining parishes.

Joannes Smith,

Attorney at Law, Benton, Bossier parish Louisiana.

Venire.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Bossier, Be it remembered, that on the 15th day of December, 1897, we, the Jury Commissioners, whose names appear hereto, met at the Clerk's Office, in the town of Benton, La., and proceeded to draw from the "General Venire Box," previously prepared by us, in the presence of two lawful and competent witnesses, the following names of persons qualified by law to serve as Grand and Petit Jurors for the first week of January Term, 1898, of the 2nd Judicial District Court of Louisiana, to be holden and begun in and for Bossier Parish, La., on the 4th Monday, the 24th day of January, 1898, all of which is in due pursuance and in accordance with Act 99, of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9, 1896.

No. Names.	Ward. No.	Names.	Ward.
1 A. Abramson	1	25 M. C. Durbin	3
2 G. G. Allen	4	27 A. P. Davis	3
3 M. J. Allen	4	28 E. L. Farrington	4
4 C. G. Allen	3	29 Jeff Fullilove	1
5 W. Arnold	2	30 H. C. Gryler	4
6 V. H. Antrim	3	31 J. W. Houston	6
7 J. M. Belcher	3	32 J. W. Holmes	3
8 W. C. Banks	3	33 E. M. Hodges	2
9 A. L. Byram	3	34 L. K. Hodges	6
10 T. L. Brock	4	35 J. F. Edwards	6
11 Gabe Berry	4	36 F. M. Johnson	4
12 J. E. Burch	3	37 J. E. Johnston	4
13 J. E. Bundy	3	38 H. D. Kelley	3
14 W. D. Byram	3	39 J. P. Keith	3
15 E. D. Burgess	3	40 T. K. McCranie	3
16 J. J. Bounds	5	41 W. B. McCornick	2
17 J. A. Bowles	2	42 I. H. Martin	2
18 S. D. Bundy	3	43 W. Prince, Jr	1
19 A. Curtis	1	44 J. H. Stinson	2
20 C. C. Cozby	4	45 D. B. Stinson	2
21 J. G. Curry	5	46 J. Q. Thomas	2
22 T. D. Conell	1	47 J. Taylor	4
23 John Poland	2	48 H. W. Vaughan	3
24 W. D. Dalrymple	5	49 R. M. Wise	3
25 W. H. Demoss	3	50 R. E. Young	5

We also, at the same time, place and manner, drew the following 30 names of persons, qualified under the law to serve as Petit Jurors for the second week of January, 1898, Term of said District Court, said names and week commencing on the 4th Monday, the 31st day of January, 1898, to-wit:

1 T. S. Adams	4	16 J. G. Hodges	6
2 J. A. Boggs	4	17 C. A. Harrison	3
3 S. H. Bounds	4	18 E. W. Lowe	5
4 J. J. Brown	5	19 F. B. Lattier	1
5 Homer Colquhitt	2	20 G. S. Majors	6
6 M. Covington	4	21 E. R. Mading	3
7 J. M. Caldwell	3	22 R. L. Riggs	3
8 S. M. McCall	5	23 J. L. Rushing	2
9 W. R. Cavett	3	24 W. H. Stewart	4
10 A. D. Calhoun	2	25 J. E. Seaboard	3
11 S. H. Dowell	2	26 J. B. St. Clery	4
12 J. F. DeLaney	3	27 Wm. Thompson	6
13 J. L. Demoss	4	28 J. B. Thompson	3
14 J. P. Gleason, Jr	5	29 H. H. Welburn	3
15 Thompson Gunter	3	30 W. B. Welburn	2

Done and signed, officially, this 15th day of December, 1897.

W. G. WADLEY,
R. B. HILL,
THOS. N. BRADEN,
L. T. SANDERS,
H. P. MOORE,
J. A. BUMGARDNER,
R. S. DOLES,
B. A. KELLY,
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Homestead Entry No. 6732.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., November 18, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to commute final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on December 31st, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 6732—Charles Brown—for the east half of southwest quarter of section 6, township 17 North, range 11 West, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Harry Wright, Abe Givens, Tobe Wright and J. Davis, of Benton, La. EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.

Homestead Entry No. 5407.