Ouachita Telegraph.

G. W. McGRANIE, Editor.

Official Journal of the City of Monroe

MONROE, LA., DECEMBER 16, 1881.

☞ Our drawer is nearly filled with excuses for non-payment of bills due for subscription and advertising. We have freely indulged our patrons—some of their accounts running on for years—and have refrained from annoying them with even occasional duns.—To us, at length, it appears that this indulgence has exceeded the limits of human forbearance, especially as it has brought no compensation, save excuses and fair promises, neither of which are accepted for paper, ink, provisions, or printers's wages. We set up no "poor mouth," in order to secure what is justly due this office for services rendered, nor do we plead the time and labor of years spent in the cause of the people, to secure a just return for what the TELEGRAPH has done for the people of this section of the State; but we simply ask our delinquent patrons to have some thought of their indebtness and to comply with the obligations mutually entered upon, and which we have sedulously endeavored to carry out.

This office is not a bank to supply paper on a credit, nor is our small store of brain a perpetual well-spring whence thought flows without nutriment and without encouragement. This paper has never been conducted niggardly: it falls to the lot of few (we hope) to have trusted so liberally and so unwisely. May we not feel inspired with the hope, at the threshold of a new year, that our past efforts will be rewarded by prompt payments of arrearages and reasonable encouragement for the future? We shall see.

Many of our esteemed religious cotemporaries appear to have conceived the idea that the proper way to reform the morals of their readers and to advance the cause of religion is by a liberal insertion of patent medicine and tonic bitters advertisements. From their pages the pugilistic likeness of Benson, or the meak and matronly features of Mrs. Pinkham are the first things to greet the eye of the reader, and he is told of the wonderful curative qualities of Iron Bitters, or the magical influence of Winslow's soothing syrup,—and not unfrequently in leaded type in the local columns, as if the editor himself could personally vouch for the efficacy of the nostrums advertised.

We observe that our secular cotemporaries are less to be criticised in this respect, the inference being either that they are not so liberal in their terms, or are less favored by the advertiser than the religious press. It is but fair, we think, to accept the latter conjecture as the true reason, and herein rests the greater blame on the religious press. These journals circulate almost exclusively among families and in the interior, and are read mainly by mothers and their young offspring. What is found in one of these journals has the stamp affixed to it of a religious editor and is more universally relied upon than the same thing appearing in a secular paper. It need not be inferred that such is the fact, since the editors of religious papers pride themselves upon it and claim it as a superior excellence, and perhaps with these same advertisers. The claim, however, stands upon better grounds that mere assertion: it has the sanction of the patent medicine and bitters men and women themselves, who are sufficiently well known to newspaper men for them not to know that these compounders of drinks and pills are shrewd people and advertise only where it pays the most. There advertisements reach a class of readers through the religious paper not reached by the political organ and a class of readers credulous as to what they find in their church organs.

Are our religious cotemporaries not aware that more than a moiety of the quack nostrums and drinks they advertise are worthless—aye positively injurious? Here is a paper of this order before us, more than one page of which is taken up with advertising these hurtful compounds, which are inserted for liberal pay, no doubt, but to the exclusion of such wholesome religious and moral instruction as should form the main excellence of this class of journals and for which the subscriber really pays his money.

We resist the proposition that the advertisements of these noxious compounds are accepted by religions journals because they are poorly patronized. They are liberally sustained by their church brethren, and circulate extensively—a fact of which there can be no better proof than that already adduced, to-wit: that the class of advertisers to whom we refer are eager applicants for space in their columns, And while their subscriptions lists are large, giving a handsome revenue, their expenses for labor are greatly lessened by the fact that the best skilled labor on these journals is not required, much of the composition being done by apprentices who are as expert with reprint as printers who have stood years at "the case."

The effect of the compounds and quack medicines advertised so freely by the religious papers is to undermine, not to restore one's health. For many invalids they have a fascination, and even those in sound health, by reading descriptions of symptoms artfully described, are brought, many of them, to believe that they are ailing and require the remedy so often extolled in their fireside journal. The promiscuous publication of the advertisements referred to is reprehensible in any journal conscientiously conducted. The result in nine out of ten cases is a victim, and very often a grave.

Commenting on a paragraph copied from the New Orleans Democrat, in which it was stated that Brick Pomeroy was "broke again," both as to his mining and newspaper ventures, we said that Mr. B. F. George, lately of Union parish, was no doubt a sufferer, and that it was more than probable there were many others in some of our sister parishes who were also sufferers, having taken stock in the mines through the allurements published by Mr. George, who was local agent for the mining companies.

We are in receipt of a lengthy communication from Mr. George, enclosing a column and a half article from Pomeroy's paper, requesting us to publish the two as a refutation of Pomeroy's reported failure. Perhaps, we can as well give the refutation in a few words as in three columns, omitting the first-class advertisement our friend injects into his letter.

Mr. George informs us that Pomeroy is not broke, and Pomeroy makes a similar statement. This is satisfactory, and we cheerfully make the fact public. Mr. George, with reference to the mining stock sold by him says: "I hereby obligate and bind myself to return to each and every stockholder every dollar that has been paid by them for shares of stock in any of the mining companies of which I am interested, and will add 10 per cent interest per annum thereto whenever they will send me their certificates of stock."

We are pleased to find Mr. George solid, and hope he may ever be so.

The bare and mangled arms of some of the beautiful water-oaks of the courthouse square are raised heavenward in token of the injury inflicted by the tree topper. There are few people who have not admired the grand old oaks in the square, transplanted long years ago by men (and ladies, too, we believe), most of whom are themselves now resting in the bosom of Mother Earth. The man who plants a tree, it has been thought aforetime, did something to perpetuate his memory. The little he did lived after him. Some of these grand old oaks look now like spectres and grinning skeletons, reminding one of death rather than of life. These trees should have been relieved of some of their branches, but not of all.

Sales of Real Estate.

Mr. C. W. McCullough has sold his place, a few miles below town, on the west bank of the river, to A. H. Bernhardt for $9,500, one-half cash. Nine hundred acres of land, all the stock, including mules, hogs, sheep, etc., and farming implements, are comprised in the sale.

Mr. T. Purcell has purchased the Huston Island place of Mr. W. H. Mullin, embracing 700 acres of land, paying for the place $7,300.

The plantation owned by the late Judge Lamy has been bought by Mr. W. S. Logan, for $2,880. Three hundred and sixty acres were included in the sale, nearly two hundred acres having been sold previously. Mr. Logan had an unexpired lease of the place for eight years.

Dr. F. M. McCormick, of Trenton, will soon become a citizen of Monroe and engage in the practice of his profession. We shall welcome the Doctor among us,—not that the writer expects to take any of the Doctor's physic, if he can help it, but because Monroe will gain a good citizen and a skillful physician.

V. S. & P. Railroad.

Cram & Bailey, of New York, have been awarded the contract for the entire work of grading, bridging and getting cross-ties on the western extension of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad as far as Arcadia, distant 47 miles from the Ouachita. Sub-contracts will be let shortly, but when and at what point we are not advised.

Mr. Leon Polk in charge of the surveying party locating the line from Arcadia to Shreveport, has returned to Monroe and is now engaged in making maps and profiles of the line located. The distance to Shreveport by the survey is ninety-five miles.

Captain Elisha S. Austin died at his home in New Orleans on the 6th instant, aged 55 years. Capt. Austain was a native of Missouri, and the brother of our esteemed friend, Mr. Ed. Austin, and of the wife of ex-Senator Drake of the Court of Claims. He was well known in river circles, and especially along the Ouachita where he had been pilot and captain for a number of years. He was an officer in whom implicit trust was placed and a man and citizen who was higly esteemed by all who knew him. His wife, who survives, is a sister of Dr. John Calderwood, of this city. May the faithful old pilot's soul rest in peace!

Louisiana, it is stated, is to have a trial of Mahoneism. The experiment will bring about some lively conversation, and there will be some hunting up of records.—Where and who is Mahoney?

Santa Claus has established his headquarters for Monroe at Dr. Sholars' drug store, and the old friend of the little folks makes truly a splendid display. Better see for yourself.

Attention is directed to the card of Mr. M. J. Purcell, representing the New Orleans grocery house of J. I. Adams and Co. Mr. Purcell means business, and he will not be outdone by any commercial traveler inviting orders.

NEW ADVERTISMENTS.

SUCCESSION NOTICE.

Succession of Claudius Couzy, Fifth District Court, Parish of Ouachita, No. 564.

Whereas Mrs. Armantine Couzy has petitioned the Court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Claudius Couzy deceased; Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of the Court:

AUSTIN GREEN, Clerk.

UNITED STATES MARSHALL'S MONITION.

JOSEPH H. TRAUZLER, ET. AL.,
vs.
WHARFBOAT "MEMPHIS," ET. AL.

In the United States District Court—Western District of Louisiana. No. 2.

IN OBEDIENCE TO AN ADMIRALTY WARRANT, to me directed in the above entitled suit, I have seized and taken into possession the Wharf boat "Memphis," her tackle, outfit and furniture, now lying and being at the Port of Monroe, La., and now libelled by Joseph H. Trauzler, et. al., for the causes set forth in the libel, claiming the sum of Thirteen Hundred and Eighty-four and fifteen hundredths dollars ($1384.15) for wages and necessary repairs, now pending in the District Court of the United States. And I do hereby cite and admonish the owner or owners thereof, and all and every person or persons having or pretending to have any right, title or interest in or to the same, to appear at a District Court of the United States, for the District aforesaid, to be holden at the City of Monroe, La., on the first Monday in April, 1882, to show cause, if any they have or can, why the said Wharf boat "Memphis," her tackle, outfit and furniture should not be condemned, and be sold agreeably to the prayer of Libellants.

JAMES C. WEAKS,
United States Marshall.

U. S. MARSHALL'S OFFICE,
MONROE, LA., Dec. 2, 1881.

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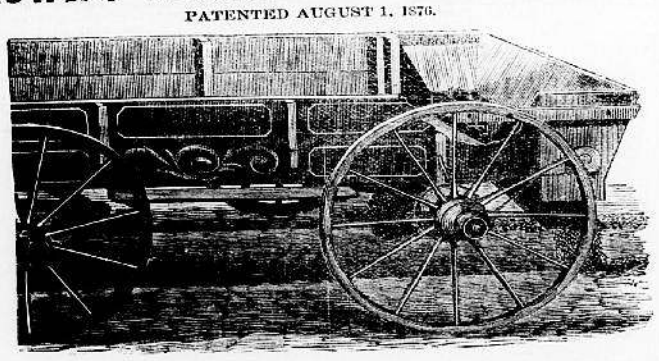

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Catahoula—Second Mondays in February and July.
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District Court.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,

Composed of the parishes of Ouachita and Richland. Terms of Court:
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JUDGEMENT.

Fifth District Court Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana.

Caroline M. Lewis vs. Jno G. W. Lewis,

I hereby certify that judgment was rendered in the above entitled cause at the October Term, A. D. 1881, of the 5th District Court, in and for said Parish and State, in the words and figures following, to-wit: "This case having been taken up, by reason of the law and the evidence in this case being in favor of the plaintiff, she having proved her demand in open Court, and by further reason of the default herein not having been set aside, two entire judicial days having elapsed, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that there be judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant for the sum of one thousand dollars, with 5 per cent interest from judicial demand. It is further ordered that the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between them be dissolved, and she be declared separate in property with power to resume the administration of her paraphernal property, and to buy and sell in her own name, and for all costs.

Done and signed in open Court, this 25th day of October, A. D. 1881.

R. W. RICHARDSON,
Judge Fifth District.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, on this 23 day of November, A. D. 1881.

AUSTIN GREEN, Clerk.

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