

AT HOME.

Next Monday is Christmas.

New stores and new dwelling houses are the order of the day in Lake Charles.

Received this week, at J. W. Bryan's store, a new, large and choice stock of dry goods and groceries, including a full line of goods and notions for the Christmas holidays.

LOOK OUT FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE!—Our enterprising fellow-citizen, Eli A. Perkins, advertises in another column a regular weekly stage line from Lake Charles to Orange, Texas, connecting with the railroad at Orange. We hope that the travel from Texas to New Orleans, by this new route, will soon justify Mr. Perkins in making two trips per week.

The Oregon Electors.

The Board of State Canvassers in Oregon, with Lafayette F. Grover, Governor of the State, have taken the same view of the voting for electors in the recent election which the Sun has constantly contended for, and have acted accordingly, just as the law and their oaths required them to do.

In this election the Hayes electors had a majority, but one of them, John W. Watts, Postmaster at Lafayette, was ineligible under the Constitution of the United States. The Board of State-Canvassers accordingly found that all votes cast for him were null and void, just as if they had been cast for a dead man, and that the case stood just as it would have done had the republicans voted for only two electors, instead of voting for three. They found also that E. A. Cronin, one of the democratic candidates for that office, stood next in the number of votes received, and accordingly they certified to the Governor that the two republicans and one democrat had been duly appointed by the people of Oregon to be electors of President and Vice-President.

The Governor issued his certificate to the three men, but the two republicans refused to act with Cronin. Thereupon, in strict compliance with the laws of Oregon, he proceeded to fill the vacancies thus caused with two other republicans, and the three together forming the Electoral College of the State, cast two votes for Hayes and Wheeler, and one for Tilden and Hendricks. This result being duly certified, the electoral College adjourned, and the certificates of their action in regular form are sent up to Washington. The two republican electors who refused to act under the Governor's certificate held an unauthorized meeting by themselves, choosing another person to act with them, and cast votes for Hayes and Wheeler. But this proceeding goes to Washington without the certificate of the Governor, and without any of the evidence of regularity which has been customarily required in such certificates.

This certificate from Oregon gives Mr. Tilden 185 votes, and if allowed to stand unquestioned, it elects him. We presume, however, that it will be questioned by the republican majority in the Senate; but this will render it impossible for the republicans to carry through and consummate with a high hand, as they had intended, their scheme of counting out Mr. Tilden and counting in Mr. Hayes by the electoral votes of the three fraudulent States. When the validity of the certificate from Oregon is

questioned in the Senate, the right of the House of Representatives to object to and to exclude the fraudulent votes cast by the great republican conspiracy in South Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida, will have to be recognized and admitted. The prospect of a settlement of this controversy in accordance with common sense and justice is immensely improved; and it is not probable that there will hereafter be so much talk about forcing Mr. Hayes into the Presidential chair upon the strength of the fraudulent returns from the three stolen States.—[N. Y. Sun.

The contrast between Tilden and Hayes is sharply exhibited in their latest utterance. When Hayes is called on for his views about the Presidential complication, he says: "You could not expect me to speak of political matters on this occasion, and certainly not of the position which affairs have assumed at the present time." When Tilden is asked for his sentiments and advice in the same relation, he looks the situation squarely in the face, and speaks distinctly and emphatically. Though satisfied that the action of Gov. Grover is in strict accordance with the constitution and the laws, he would disdain, he says, to accept an election by the vote of an elector not backed by a majority of votes at the ballot-box. He insists that he is entitled to the Presidency, without claiming a vote, on technical grounds, from Oregon or any other State, but he counsels steadfast moderation on the part of his supporters, and proposes that the people shall assert their rights, even against plainly meditated usurpation, by no other methods than peaceful agitation. On the other hand, Hayes implies that he has no mind or voice of his own with regard to the present crisis. He implies that he is ready to perform whatever part may be assigned to him in a gigantic drama of fraud and villainy. In short, the contrast is about this: Tilden is a man; Hayes is a puppet. Tilden is a leader; Hayes is a tool.—[Galveston News.

A Dog that Didn't Live in Vain.

A well known Memphis coal dealer, not long since, had a big dog of wonderful sagacity. He (the dog) stayed around the coal yard, and whenever a coal cart was hauled on the scales the dog always took a stand under the wagon like a coach dog. He weighed nearly one hundred pounds, and was weighed as coal thousands of times, and nearly every coal consumer in the city purchased that dog at so much per barrel. The practice went on for months, and was only discovered by a funny accident. A negro wanted a barrel of coal, and wheeled a hand-cart with coal on the weighing scales. The clerk in the office worked at the scales, and hallooed through the window, "take out a lot of that coal." The negro did so, and kept on until all the coal was out of the cart. The clerk tried the scales again, but the pea indicated too much. "Take out more coal," shouted the clerk; "d-n it, you have a boat load of coal on that cart." "Look hyar, boss," replied the negro, "the coal is all out, and I'll have to take the wheels off the cart if you want to lighten it." Then the negro looked under the cart, and seeing the big fat dog at his post, exclaimed: "Lord God, massa, you's selling me that dog for coal." The dog was missed in a few days, and was found dead on the scales, the animal having taken some poison accidentally, but he came back to die at his post. It was a fine example of "faithful unto death."—[Memphis Ledger.

Some time ago Caleb Cushing, speaking at Washington, and after hourly conferences with the pow-

ers that he, said that it was quite possible for the 4th of March to arrive without a lawful declaration of the result of the Presidential election, in which event it was his opinion that Gen. Grant would hold over! And now it appears that Ben Butler, having hastened to Washington, to learn precisely where to strike, is strongly inclined to co-operate with the patriotic Cushing. The following is the World's report of him:

"Gen. Butler arrived here last night, and to-day had an interview with Caleb Cushing. It is understood that Gen. Butler is of the opinion that if all the disputed States are counted in for Hayes and Wheeler, the House will object to the reception of the votes of those States. On the other hand, the Senate will object to the votes of Alabama and Mississippi, and the end will be that a President will not be chosen by the 4th of March."

It will be observed that Butler's opinion was formed only after an interview with Cushing. What do these men mean? Are they talking without an understanding with Grant, with Cameron, and with Chandler?—[N. Y. Sun.

The Vote for President.

TILDEN'S MAJORITY IN THIS STATE OVER EIGHT THOUSAND.

ESTIMATES OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

From the N. O. Picayune.

The following statement of the majorities for President, was compiled by the Democratic-Conservative State Central Committee from official returns, and is an accurate estimate of the result according to the ballots actually cast

For President:

Parishes.	Dem. Maj.	Parishes.	Rep. Maj.
Acadiana.....	50	Acadiana.....	515
East B. Rouge.....	649	Assumption.....	23
Bayou de.....	730	Bossier.....	925
Cadoudal.....	1,241	Calderon.....	94
Cameron.....	1,147	Carron.....	1,780
Caldwell.....	337	Cenacada.....	1,924
Cadeaux.....	115	Cibola.....	216
Calumet.....	21	Iberia.....	1,317
East Feliciana.....	1,741	Jackson.....	926
West Feliciana.....	483	Lafayette.....	8
Franklin.....	612	Lafayette.....	2,109
Franklin.....	150	Madison.....	3,8
Franklin.....	430	St. Charles.....	97
Franklin.....	412	Rapides.....	920
Franklin.....	735	Plaquemine.....	530
Franklin.....	418	Pointe Coupee.....	419
Franklin.....	823	Red River.....	333
Franklin.....	10,016	St. Bernard.....	928
Franklin.....	1,070	St. Charles.....	511
Franklin.....	714	St. John.....	1,003
Franklin.....	876	St. James.....	76
Franklin.....	124	St. Martin.....	921
Franklin.....	1,313	St. Mary.....	2,741
Franklin.....	411	Tensas.....	567
Franklin.....	1,429	Terrebonne.....	40
Franklin.....	731	West B. Rouge.....	20,947
Franklin.....	645	West B. Rouge.....	20,947
Franklin.....	350	West B. Rouge.....	20,947
Franklin.....	13	West B. Rouge.....	20,947
Franklin.....	503	West B. Rouge.....	20,947
Franklin.....	445	West B. Rouge.....	20,947
Franklin.....	98	West B. Rouge.....	20,947

Dem. majority...29,101  
Majority for Tilden 8154. Nicholls's majority is about 9000.

NEW ORLEANS AND TEXAS RAILROAD.

IMPORTANT TO TRAVELERS.

COMMENCING January 4, 1877, I will furnish regular weekly transportation to travelers from Orange, Texas, to Lake Charles, La., making connection with the railroad at Orange, (now running cars tri-weekly to Houston) and with the U. S. Mail stage at Lake Charles, running tri-weekly to New Iberia. As soon as there is sufficient travel to justify it, I will make semi-weekly trips between Lake Charles and Orange. Until further notice travelers by my line of stages will leave Lake Charles every Thursday, and Orange every Friday. Fare, five dollars. Stage office at Lake Charles, at J. W. Bryan's store. E. A. PERKINS.

Dec. 21, 1876

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to me for past medical services will please come forward and settle either by payment or note. Further, I will inform my friends that owing to the cash system adopted by the country, I will be compelled to adopt the same system; and hereafter no call will be responded to unless some satisfactory arrangements are made for the payment of same. W. H. KIRKMAN, M. D. Lake Charles, January 6, 1876.

Ferdinand Philefsky,

Watchmaker and Jeweler,

Between Lake House and Echo Office.

Lake Charles, La., Dec 9, 1875—3m

Vick's Floral Guide.

A beautiful Quarterly Journal, finely illustrated, and containing an elegant colored FLOWER PLATE with the first number. Price only 25 cents for the year. The first No. for 1877 just issued in German and English.  
VICK'S FLOWER and VEGETABLE GARDEN, in paper, 50 cents; with elegant cloth covers, \$1.00.  
VICK'S CATALOGUE—300 Illustrations only 2 cents.  
Address: JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y.  
Dec. 7.

For Sale.

AT Lake Charles City, parish of Calcasieu, that fine residence formerly occupied by Ernest Florenville, with lot of 200 feet front by 160 deep. Best location for business. Terms, one-third cash, balance at 6 and 12 months credit. Offers to be made by mail to A. Trudeau, 13 St. Charles street. Key in the hands of Mr. Julien Richard.

Stray Beef.

A certain stray beef, dun color, was killed on the 22d of November, 1876, by A. Say, over half crop and large split in the right ear, and branded thus:



on the right hip; six years old. Nov. 30 G. B. KEENER.

PARTIES wishing to purchase Sewing Machines will find it to their advantage to call on C. M. Drew, Agent, for the World Renowned Singer Sewing Machine, Lake Charles, La., who will be pleased to sell on terms defying competition. A liberal discount made for cash.

Particular attention paid to sewing machines left for repairs. Needles, check springs, oil, rubbers, etc., constantly on hand.  
All orders addressed to C. M. Drew, Lake Charles, La., will receive prompt attention.  
Nov 9

C. C. HAWKINS, M. D.

HAS located at Big Woods, for the practice of his profession in all its branches. Charges to suit the times. He can be found at Saxon's store when not professionally engaged elsewhere.  
Oct 26—3m

LAKE CHARLES MALE AND FEMALE ACADEMY.

The undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Lake Charles and vicinity that he will open his second session of the Lake Charles Academy in the Masonic Building, on Monday, the 21st of August.

All branches of a thorough English education will be taught, and especial attention given to the higher mathematics.

Lessons will be given in the languages if sufficient applications are made to justify the formation of classes. Board, from \$8 to \$12 per month.

TERMS:

Primary Department, \$2 per month. Grammar Department, \$2 50 per month. Payable monthly.  
O. M. MARSH, Principal.  
August 10, 1876—1y

PRIVATE SCHOOL, BY MRS. L. LANDRY.

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

Will be re-opened on Monday, August 28, 1876.

TERMS, PAYABLE MONTHLY:  
Primary Class.....\$2 00  
Grammar Class.....\$2 50  
Pupils taking lessons in French will be charged fifty cents per month extra.  
Lake Charles, La., August 10, 1876

BLACKMAN'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

131 Carondelet Street, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OPEN day and evening during the entire year.

PENMANSHIP, BOOKKEEPING, MATHEMATICS, and all LANGUAGES

Are practically taught by experienced Professors. Persons from fifteen to fifty years of age attend. Instruction given privately to each student, who has a separate desk to himself, and is put through a thorough and systematic course of business transactions to qualify him for the situation he intends to fill. Persons who have neglected their education can here speedily prepare for business of any kind. Students from the country can board in the family of the Principal.  
TERMS—Thirty per cent. less than other Commercial Colleges in this city.  
Cost of full commercial course only \$100. Average time three to four months.  
The Principal has been a professional teacher in New Orleans since 1851.  
For circulars, address  
J. W. BLACKMAN, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Oct 18

D. K. BREAZEALE.

CHOICE LIQUORS, CIGARS AND BILLIARD HALL.

Near the Postoffice, Main Street, ORANGE, TEXAS.

June 1

LAKE CHARLES ADVT'S.

RED STORE.

WM. L. HUTCHINS,

Dealer in Groceries

DRY GOODS

AND HARDWARE

Lake Charles, Louisiana.

FINE ASSORTMENT

GENTLEMEN'S

FURNISHING GOODS,

Just Received, and for Sale

AT THE LOWEST MARKET RATES.

Lake Charles, March 30, '72-1y

STAR HOTEL.

JULIEN RICHARD.....PROPRIETOR

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

LAKE HOUSE

Hotel and Saloon.

JAMES A. KINDER, Proprietor.

Feed Stable attached.  
June 8, 1876

Public Notice.

ALL creditors of the vacant succession of J. W. T. Lambeth, deceased, are hereby notified to present their claims to me, at Sugar Town, for approval, duly authenticated, without delay. All persons indebted to said succession are requested to make payment to me without further notice.  
GEO. W. RICHARDSON, Curator of said Succession.  
Sugar Town, Calcasieu parish, La., October 5, 1876.

DR. J. M. HILLIARD,

HAVING permanently located in the town of Lake Charles, respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of town and country. Disease of the throat and lungs treated on an improved plan; also Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Cancers removed without the use of the knife or caustic, and without pain. March 16, 1876.

W. S. CROW,

CARPENTER AND BUILDER. BEGS leave to announce to the people of Lake Charles, that he is prepared to do job work, and to take contracts for building or repairing. All business in his line will be attended to with dispatch and interest. Shop near Masonic building. May 11—1y

J. LEE,

Saddle and Harness Maker, LAKE CHARLES, LA.

SADDLE Trees made to order, and particular attention paid to repairing old Saddles and Harness. Also constantly on hand bridle rigging of all kinds, halters, spur rigging, pistol holsters, etc. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. Prices to suit the times.  
June 17, 1875—1y

A Chance for a Bargain.

A Rotary Shingle Machine, 14 block, Everat's Patent. For particulars inquire of W. S. Crow, at Lake Charles, or S. Chenault, at Orange, Texas.  
Oct 26—3t

CHEAP CASH STORE,

On Broad Street.

NEAR THE METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, La.

A large and carefully selected stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, and general merchandise. Call and examine my stock and prices.  
JOSEPH CHAVANNE.

May 4

THE OLD OAK SALOON,

OPPOSITE LEFRANC'S WHARF.

This well known stand, has been recently repaired, refurnished and opened, by the undersigned. A full stock of choice liquors, wines, ales and cigars, constantly on hand. Call and see the old saloon in its new dress.  
AMEDEE PARQUE.  
April 27