

OBSERVING LENT.

[From Texas Siftings]

Lent is the time of the year when a great many people shut down on tough, stringy beef, and open up on fat oysters and eggs. Keeping Lent is a serious matter. It is a serious thing to do with out dinner for one day, much less to be put on short rations for forty consecutive days.

purifying the flesh, engaging in penitential exercises, and making one self humble, is not entirely a Christian thing. The Mahometan derives and Buddhist monks are also much given to punishing their fleshy tabernacles.

No class of people are more particular about observing Lent than the Greek brigands. Col. Syngé, a rich Englishman, who fell into their hands a few years ago, bears a touching testimony to their piety. They kidnap rich travelers, carry them off to the mountains, and if the ransom is not promptly paid, they cut off an ear or nose, and send it to the agent of the unfortunate young man.

During Lent the man who keeps it can be readily detected by his circumference and the satisfied, happy look that comes from a contented stomach, and a consciousness of having complied with the requirements of the church.

Thought He Was a Fraud.

(Brooklyn Eagle)

"Would you be kind enough to publish a notice of our Sabbath School?" asked a grave gentleman of the city editor. "And you might incidentally speak of me as the Superintendent."

"Certainly," replied the city editor, opening his note book. "What is the amount?" "I should think half a column enough," responded the grave man.

"My good sir!" protested the grave man. "You entirely misapprehend me! I am not a defaulter!" "Not a defaulter!" ejaculated the city editor, leaning back in astonishment.

"A smile!" retorted the ruffled city editor. "He came around here trying to play himself off for a Sunday School Superintendent, when he didn't know the first principles of the racket. He may get it off on some young man, but he couldn't play it on me for a cent!"

Sage Advice to a Michigan Windmill Man.

[From the Detroit Free Press.]

A Michigan man who has a patent windmill went down to Tennessee last fall to see what he could do among the farmers of that State. Reaching a town in the central part of the State, he went to a dealer in agricultural implements and stated his desire to erect his machine and call attention to it.

"Well, it can be done, I guess," was the reply. "But how had I best proceed?" "Well, you kin put her up over on the hill that I don't know who owns the ground, but if you treat the crowd I guess no one will object."

"Yes," "Very well." "Next Tuesday is market day, and there'll be heaps of folks in town. You want to be around early and treat the crowd." "Yes."

A philosopher observes that there are two periods of life when a man looks to see if his hair is coming out—at twenty, when he inspects his upper lip; at forty, when he inspects the top of his head.—Detroit Free Press.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

The majority of the ills of the human body arise from a derangement of the Liver, affecting both the stomach and bowels. In order to effect a cure, it is necessary to remove the cause.

For Sale THE MAGNOLIA PLANTATION, situated about two miles east of Vermilionville, containing nine hundred arpents of land; 600 arpents of prairie land and 300 of wood land.

ESTRAY TAKEN UP by the undersigned on Quince Tortoise in this parish, one small dun crocodile, about 8 years old, both hind feet and one fore foot white, branded on left thigh.

PROF. HARRIS' RADICAL CURE FOR NERVOUS DEBILITY, ORGANIC WEAKNESS, YOUNG MIDDLE-AGED MEN advertisement with detailed text and a small illustration.

DR. BUTTS' DISPENSARY advertisement listing various medical services and products available at the dispensary.

M. P. JONES, PRACTICAL PAINTER AND DECORATOR advertisement for various painting and decorating services.

F. LOMBARD, DEALER IN Fine Wines, Whiskey, Beer, Cigars advertisement for a liquor and wine merchant.

MASONIC Stated Meetings table listing dates and locations for various Masonic lodges.

FRENCH RESTAURANT, 116 CUSTOMHOUSE STREET, NEW ORLEANS advertisement for a dining establishment.

THE THOROUGH BRED JACK advertisement for a horse, including details about its lineage and availability.

FOR SALE A SPLENDID tract of land containing 500 acres, more or less, with residence, kitchen, barn, etc., situated about six miles west of Vermilionville.

The Times-Democrat.

The New Orleans Democrat and New Orleans Times, Consolidated December 1, 1881.

A representative newspaper must find its way into every business establishment and to every fire-side around which clusters even the most ordinary intelligence. Is there any question in the minds of the people living in the South-western and Gulf States that the Times-Democrat is that paper?

The enterprise, push and progress of the New Orleans Democrat during the past eighteen months have become proverbial. No journal published in the South has made such progress in the same period of time.

The consolidated issue, THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT, will embody the best elements, the highest virtues of both. It will simply be, without question, the ideal paper of the business man, the mechanic, planter, farmer, the family, the people of all classes and conditions.

The Weekly is never less than 12 pages in size, and is really the best and cheapest weekly paper published.

THE DEMOCRAT'S ILLUSTRATED ALMANAC, For 1882, and Hand-Book of General Information. An elegant work of 120 pages, 8x10 inches in size, printed on finely tinted book paper.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS advertisement featuring a large logo and text describing the benefits of the bitters for various ailments.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS are a certain cure for all diseases requiring a complete tonic; especially indigestion, dyspepsia, intermittent fevers, want of appetite, loss of strength, lack of energy, etc.

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D. HARTER'S IRON TONIC advertisement featuring a large logo and text describing the benefits of the tonic for various ailments.

TUTT'S PILLS advertisement for a medicine used to treat various ailments, including constipation and liver issues.

TUTT'S HAIR DYE advertisement for a hair coloring product that is safe and effective.

FREE! RELIABLE SELF-CURE advertisement for a home treatment for various ailments.

FREE! BUSINESS UNIVERSITY advertisement for a school offering business education.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!! S. HOWELL & CO., OFFER to the public an assortment of Furniture suited to the wants of the people.

PATENTS Obtained for new inventions, or for improvements in old ones, Careats, Infringements, Trade Marks, and all patent business promptly attended to.

LAURENT LACASSAGNE COMMISSION MERCHANT, Importer of Wines and Liquors and Dealer in Western and Country Produce.

J. PEREZ, TAILOR. Work done at prices to suit the times. St. John street near the Catholic Church.

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