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LOCAL DOTS.

Oh, the gnats! Oh, the fleas!

River falling slowly, and about eight feet above low water mark.

If you want to secure a bargain in a new Wilson oscillating shuttle Sewing Machine, call at this office.

Mr. C. H. Mumford has gone to New Orleans on a month's visit to his family, who reside in the city.

Don't forget that T. M. Biossat has a No. 1 watch maker. It will pay you to send your work to him.

The partridges are paired off now, and from the incessant whistling of "Bob White" kept all the time by them the number of families being raised will make bird shooting a fine sport this fall.

If you want any watches, clocks or jewelry, call on T. M. Biossat, Alexandria, La. All work left with Mr. John H. McNeely will be forwarded to T. M. Biossot, where it will be fixed up in A No. 1 order.

Wednesday evening and night we had a fine soaking rain, followed the next day by another shower of about an hour's duration, and still another in the afternoon. It came just at the right time and has been of untold benefit to the crops, which are in as fine condition as could be wished.

About this time of the year ye fishermen prepare for angling in about the following manner: Some poles, and a little whisky, some lines, a little more whisky, some worms, a little brandy, some pipes and tobacco, a little more whisky, and an extra demijohn of good whisky in case of snake bite.

A dead hog, with a bullet clear through it, shows that some one farming near Colfax, on the Calhoun estate, has commenced to use shot and powder to keep the hogs out of the growing crops. This is an unlawful remedy, and liable to get the parties who resort to it into trouble, but those owning stock and hogs should see that they do not damage their neighbors' corn and cotton.

A little negro girl of this place, aged about twelve, has shown a remarkable development of burglarizing proclivities. She has twice forced an entrance into Judge Machen's house lately and stolen from him various articles of small value. Her parents have punished her frequently and severely, but say she will steal every chance she gets. She is a good subject for the workhouse.

A rich scene was witnessed last Tuesday in the court of Charlie H. Thomas, colored, one of the J. P.'s of the first ward. Dolly Saddler, a strapping negro woman about six feet tall, without shoes, got full of benzine and defied constable, court and all, saying no "nigger" could arrest her. Charlie fined her $2 50, which made her downright mad. As no fine was collected we suppose the constable was too much bulldozed to carry out his orders. This is a pretty farce for a justice's court.

Mr. Shackelford has furnished us with the following list of persons to whom he has issued marriage licences since January 1, 1880:

Wm. Brister to Miss Fannie Orr.
Henry Harris to Mrs. Hannah Harris, c.
Eben Fittz to Miss Octavia M. Curry.
W. J. Shaw to Miss Nancy Mitchell.
B. F. Crump to Miss Laura Greer.
N. W. Corbet to Miss Martha J. Newton.
Sam'l Salter to Mrs. M. Browning.
Alex. N. Wilson to Miss Elizbeth O'Quinn.
Upton Johnson to Miss Sarah Ann Bell.
Ed. Glover to Milly A. McKinney, c.
Ceasar Sykes to Louisa Bell, c.
Levin Jones to Mrs. Matilda Givens, c.
Vicker Hagan to Elizabeth Nelson, c.
J. H. McNeely to Miss Olive A. McKnight.
J. P. Milstead to Mrs. Sarah Clementine.

Mr. Shackelford says the rate of marrying in Grant parish is fifty per cent less than it is in other parishes according to population. This won't begin to do, boys, we must not let the other parishes beat us.

The Excursion to Grand Ecore.

As mentioned last week, upon arrival of the Jesse K. Bell last Monday evening, an excursion party took passage at Colfax for Grand Ecore and return. The party consisted of ten or twelve couples, with our newly married friend J. H. McNeely and his fair bride of last week at the head. To add to the pleasure of the trip the Natchitoches string and brass band were on board, just returning from an excursion to New Orleans, and kindly volunteered to furnish music for the occasion. A quadrille was soon formed, and the dancers encroached largely upon the morning hours before they ceased to trip to the enlivening strains of music. Tuesday morning at breakfast time found the boat at Montgomery, and some six hours behind her usual time, caused by the large amount of up freight and the frequent landings to be made. And when one sees the way the boat lands from one side of the river to the other, making a hundred landings in almost the same number of miles, it looks incredible that she should make the time she does. During the morning a couple of sets were danced. About four o'clock Tuesday evening we reached Grand Ecore, at which place a large amount of freight was discharged. While there a number of excursionists took a ramble over the place, visiting the old brick house on top of the high bluff near the landing, which was voted to be a most interesting spot. From the top of the bluff you see miles of well tilled lands stretching along the east bank of Red river, the straight field rows, fences and houses dotted here and there making a pretty picture. Having a lot of freight for a landing two or three miles above Grand Ecore, the Bell was run up to that place, and it was after dark before she got back to Grand Ecore, where she had a large amount of cotton to take on. The second evening only three sets were danced, and one or two waltzes, the most of the time being spent listening to instrumental pieces on the piano, and songs, by ladies and gentlemen who proved most proficient in that line. Wednesday morning found us at Colfax again, and the excursion at an end. Upon comparing notes some were highly pleased with the trip, while others did not think the fun had held out as it should. Be this as it may, all are forced to admit that the Bell is a charming boat, with a set of obliging and courteous officers, and that traveling on her is a luxury to be appreciated.

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[Carnesville (Ga.) Register.]

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How do You Spend Your Evenings.

We wish to ask the young man this question; and according as he answers it shall we be enable to tell him what his future character will be. More depends upon the manner in which this important season is passed than upon almost anything else. Whosoever has been an observer of men and things, can point out many a youth who has caused weepings and sorrow to his family, disgraced his name, and become an outcast in the world, or sunk to a dishonored grave, who commenced his career of vice when he broke away from wholesome restraint and spent his evenings in the company of the abandoned. Young man, listen to us. We would not deprive you of a single pleasure, or debar you from any amusement. We entreat you to be particular how you lounge about the bar-room, partaking of the vulgar conversation that is introduced, and join the ribald song, or stand at the corners o the streets using profane and indecent language, you will soon habituate yourself to low blackguardism and vile conversation, so that no young man who respects himself will be found in your company.—Ex.

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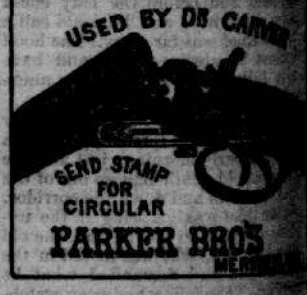

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