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A GENUINE CHRISTMAS GIFT

THIS IS NO HOT AIR

For the Balance of this Year We Offer the Public the best Bargains of the Season

We have a large stock of the very best merchandise to select from, and prices and cost will cut no figure. Our stock must be closed out by Christmas, and it will certainly be to your interest to examine our line before making winter purchases

Misses' and Children's Coats

We have on hand two dozen Misses' and Children's Coats that will be closed out regardless of price. Better bargains can't be found.

COME AND GET YOUR CHOICE

Ladies' Coats

Also several dozen Ladies' Coats of the very best and finest qualities, ranging in price from \$4.50 to \$20, which will be sold regardless of cost.

Tailored Suits

25 Ladies' Tailored Suits ranging in price from \$5 to \$20. The price is no object. They must go. You will surely save money by coming early and getting the first choice of this lot.

Extra Special in Shoes

We have a few extra fine Shoes of the Crossett make going at

ACTUAL COST

We are discarding this line of Shoes and you will find it to your interest to take advantage of these big bargains.

Everybody knows the **Crossett**



Millinery

Our Millinery Department has been a great success this season, and we take pleasure in offering a 25 per cent reduction in everything in this department in order to clean up.

Misses' and Women's Shoes

Our line of Shoes is stronger than ever before and very complete for men, women and children. A 25 per cent reduction will be allowed on all shoes bought from us before Christmas.

We have many other things too numerous to mention that reductions are offered on, such as men's and boys' suits, vests, coats, pants, etc.

Come to see us. We will save you money

Especially are we strong in Groceries. We handle only the best and choicest that money can buy
Give Us Your Order and be Convinced
Headquarters for all kinds of Feed Stuff. We buy feed stuff, flour and meal in car lots and can make close prices

J. W. DUNCAN CO., Ltd.

Railroad Avenue The Big Department Store Colfax, Louisiana

Always an Inopportune Time.

The pathos of the present campaign in Louisiana is furnished by the explanatory and unhappy group of newspapers in the State which have always talked for prohibition, are published in prohibition communities and are now forced to explain why, on the first test as to the state-wide sentiment upon prohibition, they are lined up politically with the opponents of prohibition.

Florida Parishes is the latest recruit to this unhappy band. Florida Parishes, according to its own statement, has always been a sturdy and uncompromising opponent to the Demon Rum; a consistent warrior against John Barleycorn; so devoted to the cause that it would not publish liquor advertising fearing that even the sight of the printed name might arouse an unholy thirst. We doubt not that Florida Parishes has often expressed its desire for the speedy coming of the day when the saloon and its wares should be forever banished from our midst.

Naturally, when it deserts the prohibition standard upon the dawn of the first opportunity of realizing these dreams of widening the dry area of Louisiana, the Parishes finds that it has something to explain. It blandly refers to prohibition in this campaign as a "forced issue," states that it has "no reasonable excuse" for raising its inopportune crest, and adds:

"Prohibition is coming—some day, in Louisiana, but the time is not propi-

itious now. We wish it were. When a dozen or more of the wet parishes of Louisiana secure the sense of their respective voters—the same as Rapides did—on the question of whether they desire to retain the traffic or oust it from their confines, then it will be time for a vote on state-wide prohibition, without the formality of the congressional unit."

Really we are sorry for the Parishes and the rest of the backsliding brethren, if this is the best they can do. A "dozen or more of the wet parishes" will make it unanimous in Louisiana and a statewide vote will not be needed. If a "propitious time" could ever be found, the vote for prohibition in Louisiana would likewise be unanimous, if we were to believe all we hear. If the Parishes, while its heart is still true to prohibition, defers support of that policy until it ceases to be a "forced issue," it will never have the opportunity to fight for the policy it professes to advocate.

Unnumbered thousands of license men will assure you that they would be for prohibition, if it were national; if the law could be enforced, if the time was propitious, but they are not classed as prohibitionists when the lines of battle are drawn. The word "propitious" in connection with a prohibition campaign has a sort of humorous, not to say cachinnatory sound. If the prohibis had always waited for a propitious time to launch their campaigns, not a single saloon would ever have been banished from a single voting precinct in Louisiana.—Lake Charles American Press.

Judge Blackman Presented Diamond Pin by Alexandria Bar.

Alexandria, La., Dec. 14.—The Alexandria bar desiring to give expression to the sentiments of esteem and confidence which it reposes in Judge W. F. Blackman, who has so long presided over the local district court, presented him with a diamond pin in honor of his 74th birthday. Representative T. A. Carter was chosen to make the presentation speech and when the court opened he arose, and in a short, but appropriate address, presented the token of esteem and friendship to the venerable jurist on behalf of himself and his fellow attorneys. He said in part: "It is rarely if ever a man reaches the age of seventy-four and retains all the characteristics, both in body and in mind, of a man of forty, as yourself. You have been on the bench continuously longer than any judge in the State of Louisiana and the Alexandria bar wishes you many happy birthdays and presents to you this little gift, a token of their friendship and esteem. I now take great pleasure in presenting you with this little pin from the Alexandria bar."

Judge Blackman replied as follows: "I am taken by surprise, so much so that I can not now command language adequate to express my profound feelings of gratitude at the manifestation of your respect and esteem. To be remembered by one's friends is always gratifying, but for a judge who has been presiding on your bench in this district and on the bench of the Court of Appeals for this circuit since 1871, to be thus remembered by the members of the bar is more gratifying to me than any act of my friends could be."

"This lovely diamond pin which you have presented me as a token of your respect and esteem, is and will be preserved so long as I may live with the memory of your kindness and thoughtfulness; and I sincerely wish that each one of you may live to a ripe old age, with faculties unimpaired, with the

same strength and good health that God has blessed me with.

"Thank you again, my friends, for this beautiful gift."

Judge Moncreu Dies from Burns.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 15.—Judge J. C. Moncreu, aged 89, prominent Louisiana jurist and veteran and delegate to England and France for the Southern Confederacy, died here last night of burns received Monday when his dressing gown caught fire while standing before an open grate. The funeral was held to-day.

Judge Moncreu has figured in the public affairs of Louisiana since he settled here in the winter of 1860, after his graduation from Virginia Military Institute. He was of Huguenot origin and his ancestors were prominent in Virginia, where he was born. Previous to coming here he was State's attorney in Virginia nine years.

He was twice speaker in the Louisiana house of representatives. At the first session of the general assembly in 1881 he was made judge of the new court of appeals for the first circuit.

A Dig at the Conservation Commission. Montgomery, La., Dec. 7, 1915. Editor Colfax Chronicle:

If the work being done by the Louisiana Conservation Commission by its representatives and employees is such as is being done here, it is absolutely a fraud and humbug. They are destroying every particle of game in the country—they leave not a bit. It is a colossal fraud. Their excursions are nothing more than camp hunts, and it is high time to put a stop to it.

CITIZEN.

Worked in the Hay Field.

Arthur Jones, Allen, Kas., writes: "I have been troubled with bladder and kidney troubles for a good many years. If it were not for Foley Kidney Pills I would never be able to work in the hay field." Men and women past middle age find these pills a splendid remedy for weak, overworked or diseased kidneys. J. W. Duncan Co.—Adv.

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We are happy because we are conscious of having treated everybody right who has dealt with us.

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Union Mercantile Co., Ltd.

J. B. McKNIGHT, Mgr.