

THE BANNER-DEMOCRAT.
Saturday, - October, 1 1892.

T. F. Montgomery,
Civil Engineer and Parish Surveyor.
Is now prepared to run lines, locate lands, find corners, furnish full description of locations, timber &c., and make plans of surveys run levels for purposes of drainage with profile, make estimates of embankments, ditches, bridge building and public works of all descriptions.

Dr. R. W. SEAY,
Practitioner of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics.
Office and residence on Alpha plantation, Bunch's Bend.
P. O. Brunette La.

W. E. LONG,
Physician and Surgeon.
Office on Lake street.
Will practice in all the branches of his Profession. Calls answered promptly day and night.

W. B. BELL,
Surgeon and Practicing Physician.
(Obstetrics a specialty).
Will respond to all calls day or night. Office at Bernard drug store. Residence next to Methodist Church.

A. G. ANDERSON,
Practicing Physician and Surgeon.
Calls answered promptly day and night.
Office at the Owen's residence on Gossypia Plantation in the 5th ward.

ROBT. WHEATSTONE,
Counsellor and Attorney at Law.
Rayville, La.
Will practice in the parishes of Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Franklin, Madison, West Carroll and attend every term of court in East Carroll; also the Circuit and Supreme courts of the State. Will give special and prompt attention to all business entrusted to me.

Church Directory.
Divine services in the Methodist church as follows:
Providence, 1st and 3rd Sunday's, 11 a. m.
1st and 3rd Sunday's, 7 p. m.
Pecan Grove, 3d and 4th Sunday's, 11 a. m.
Rrnsylvania, 2d and 4th Sunday's, 4 p. m.
Providence, Prayer meeting, every Wednesday at 7 p. m.
Providence, Sunday School every Sunday at 9 a. m. R S ISENLA, P. C.

Local and Parish News.
There is a chance for old fashioned corn dodgers now. Mr. Gilliam on Way-a-Way plantation will grind new corn every Saturday until 12 o'clock.
The times are hard, cotton is low. The printers want their money. They growling say, the devil's to pay, And dodging him ain't funny.
So come what will, I'll foot the bill. 'Twill be the lesser evil— For well I know, 'twill be no go. To wrastle with the devil.
Too dry in the woods for good trail-ing.
The Police Jury met on Wednesday next.
The mercury rose close to 90 Sunday afternoon.
The mercury marked 55 on Wednesday morning.
Hay is abundant in East Carroll, and in good condition.
Commissioner Long is studying steamboat architecture at present.
The hunters are tooting their horns this morning, but we are not in it.
The cotton pickers are moving their fingers with a will this sunny weather.
Pecan hunting is the briskest picking up business around here just now.
To Mr. W. K. Spurlock we are under obligations for courtesies shown us.
The public schools in town will begin the session on Monday morning next.
Sheriff Dunn is having a comfortable residence built out in front of the lake.
Judge F. F. Montgomery with his family returned home early yesterday morning.
Miss Deliah Bell leaves for the Peabody Institute at Nashville the close of this week, where she has a scholarship.
The attendance at the protracted meeting at the Methodist Church this week has kept steadily on the increase daily.
There are number of improvements going on in the country despite the short crop and low price of the product.
Mr. D. Dreyfus, Jr., paid Providence a visit during the early part of the week.
The monthly meeting of Providence Fire Company is called for Monday evening next.
Hon. J. E. Ransdell's health has improved some. We hope he will soon be fully restored.
The City Fathers will have their regular monthly consultation on Wednesday evening next.
Dr. W. E. Long has been appointed medical inspector of steamboats at this point by Dr. S. B. Oliphant, President of the State Board of Health.
Cotton is coming in very slowly for this far in the season. We are told the crop is quite late opening, and there is but little of it to come.
Up to this date Capt. Purdy's shipment of cotton this year has been 39 bales. Last year same date 248 bales. We notice a similar falling off of shipment at every point thus far reported.
Messrs. Frank and Zet Maguire left on the Leathers Wednesday evening. Frank goes to the Crescent City and Zet to the Capitol, to catch on to a little more knowledge at the State University.
We have several delinquent subscribers names on our books; please send amount or call at the office. No fear of our sable servitor hurting you, he is a good devil and not dangerous in any way.

Judge J. M. Kennedy left home on Saturday to go on the Circuit in company with Circuit Judge Montgomery. They together will hold the regular Appellate Courts in the several parishes.

Mrs. J. L. Martin and baby boy, accompanied by Master Morgan Hamilton, arrived from Vicksburg on Sunday morning last. They came to spend a few days with their relatives and friends in Providence.

Misses Ida Gardham and Ella Lanier left home on Monday morning for Brookhaven, Miss., where Miss Annie Delony has made kindly arrangements to enable them to complete their education in the college at that place.

Father Mahe returned to Providence on Tuesday morning and was gladly greeted by his numerous friends in town. Rev. C. Mahe stands deservedly high in East Carroll, not only as a faithful servant of the church he represents, but also as an energetic public spirited helper in everything that tends to promote progress and the general social and material welfare of our people.

The hiring of unlicensed teams to haul freight or anything else within the corporate limits is a direct violation of the law, which lays the parties so doing liable to severe penalty; besides, those who do so, from whatever cause, show a sad want of appreciation of the Fire Company in our midst, who have from necessity a team in the business, as well as doing gross injustice to those teamsters engaged in the hauling business who pay an annual license to the corporation for the right to do so. We sincerely hope that Marshal Hamilton will see that the law is strictly enforced in this matter and bring all violators to prompt account.

The boarders at Spurlock's hotel have been increasing of late. Two weeks or more ago, when we referred to the parish free lunch house, there were but three who were enjoying the luxuries of the establishment. To-day there are nine, all negroes, and the cry is still they come.

The charges upon which these negroes are imprisoned and awaiting trial are as follows: Two young boys, quite young, charged with burglary; two men, burglary and entering in the night time; one, assault and battery; Sam Alexander, shooting a fellow negro called Smokey City, on Bunch's Bend in 1888; one, cutting and maiming with a hoe; one, shooting his wife; one, an escaped convict who got away from the same hotel about six years ago while Mr. Savory Yarborough was hotel keeper.

The hotel is in an excellent sanitary condition, the food plain and good, and all the surroundings is managed and conducted with the greatest care possible.

Talking by, or through the wires is now admitted to be by far the most sure and expeditious way of communicating with persons at a distance on business, pleasure or for any purpose whatever.

For sometime past much talk has been indulged in about having a telephone connecting Providence with distant points above and below, but thus far nothing material in relation to the matter has been done. Those who have had more or less experience in telephoning state that the project is perfectly feasible at a very reasonable cost, and would be regarded as invaluable as a matter of saving time and expense when once established, by all business men and the community generally.

Our intense desire to see Providence keep up the march of progress she has started upon, with her ice factory and electric lights prompts us to talk telephone in this brief mention, and ask all those who are deeply interested in speedy communication to think and act at an early day.

The Banner-Democrat has a model devil who attends to his department with the utmost care. He has been in the office for a considerable length of time, and is an earnest, industrious worker, teeming with intelligence, a little off color, which amounts to nothing, seeing there are so many color blind folks in this section. He is a Democrat through and throughout, and tells us he was born so, though his daddy is and always has been a confirmed Rad. The only objection we have to him is he is given to rhyming, but we have to stand such trifles in a newspaper office.

When the mail came Wednesday evening we discovered he had been waiting eagerly for Mr. Cleveland's letter of acceptance, which he lit on to and then lit out. Next morning on reaching the office we called Ernest and asked him how he liked the letter. He at once broke out in rhyme and promptly replied:

It's all my fancy painted it,
Democrat down the line;
Every word does justify it,
In each succeeding line.
The rails are pictured to a dot,
A centralizing force bill lot.

Judge J. M. Kennedy returned from Vidalia on Friday morning, where he has been holding a term of the Appellate Court in conjunction with Judge Montgomery.

UNCLE SAM MOVING IN LEVEE MATTERS.
Captain Townsend, U. S. Engineer in charge of this district, called at Providence with the U. S. steamer Florence on Sunday evening last and took assistant U. S. Engineer W. S. Brown on down the river with him to inspect the new line of levee run by assistant Brown from Milliken's Bend to Cabin Teal, a distance of four and one-half miles, which they did effectually the following day, with the mercury up as far as ninety in the shade.

Through the courtesy of assistant Brown, who returned home Tuesday morning, we learn that the new levee we refer to will contain about 450,000 cubic yards, which will be divided in four sections, ranging from 50,000 up, so as to meet the capacity of small as well as large levee contractors. The letting will take place at the U. S. Engineers office in Memphis on Wednesday next. We have not seen the advertisement at this writing, but will insert it in our paper if it appears in any of our exchanges before we go to press.

We further learn from the same source that a general inspection of the levees from the Arkansas line down to Bedford's will be speedily made after the letting, and whatever balance is left of the apportionment, will be carefully expended for the safety of the people, wherever there is a satisfactory show of permanency for the work that might be needed.

We take much pleasure in making a note of the close and conscientious attention to business shown by Captain Townsend in these matters and the assiduity of his assistant at this point in faithfully carrying out general instructions.

The weather this week has been nearly a repetition of last week's weather. Not a drop of rain has fallen. The mercury has been as high as 91 and as low as 55, a variance of 36 degrees of temperature. The winds during the warm spell came from the south and south-east, and during the colder days from the north and north-west.

This highly favorable weather has enabled the planters to gather all the cotton open in sight in an excellent condition; but it came too late to be of material benefit as regards quantity, though we should not complain, because complainings are of no avail in matters beyond our control.

Business has improved some in town and country since our last issue, taking its cue doubtless from the improved price of the staple and the steady, strong markets reported at several important points where cotton is handled.

The health of the people of our parish is reported to be quite favorable for the season of the year, and all things considered, quite a cheerful feeling prevails with regard to the future.

Messrs. Yancy Bell and Oliver Hurley left on Tuesday morning bound for Grand Isle, where they will stay for a few days to recuperate by breathing the balmy breezes of the gulf. We wish them any amount of pleasure and reinvigoration.

To-day according to the Jewish calendar, is the most important feast observed by the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is known as the "Day of Atonement," the Sabbath of Sabbaths, on which day all business and labor is strictly prohibited.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Wm. Alling who has been quite sick, is now steadily convalescing under the medical care of Dr. F. R. Bernard. Mr. Alling is one of our oldest and best. We sincerely wish him many, many more days of pleasant existence.

We had a very pleasant call from Mr. Dudley, the Principal of the Providence white school, after we had gone to press last week. Mr. Dudley is an agreeable, experienced gentleman, and will doubtless prove an efficient, satisfactory and successful educator.

Marshal Hamilton (it sounds familiar) is industriously engaged superintending the repairs of the bridges, cleaning out the ditches and attending to the sanitary improvement of the town generally. There is much work to be done within the corporate limits to put the town in a desirable and satisfactory condition.

Mr. C. N. Hall, Capt. Purdy's head center, informs us that the State of Kansas, Anchorliar, is due up to-day. Also the A. L. Mason, is due down in place of the City of New Orleans. The river is falling 2 1-2 inches daily and the gauge this morning read 4 feet 8 inches, which is getting down to sand bed.

DOWN TENSAS. WHAT WE SAW AND WHAT WE DIDN'T SEE.
For sometime past this youthful scribe up to Saturday morning last, had been wrestling with a violent attack of squirrel hunting on the brain. Whenever any of the numerous Nimrods around town would talk squirrel and tell of their exploits in the woods we would begin to wriggle in our chair, throw down our paper, long for a breach loader and a snap shot "under the greenwood tree." Time and again we caught on to ourselves chanting, "Some love to roam, o'er the dark sea foam, But a life in the woods for me."

It is all over now though. When anybody comes around now and talks of hunting we are not in it, especially hunting squirrels. We are cured. The very name of the pesky, hairy, barking, climbing little rodents sounds disagreeable to us in the extreme, and this is how it came about.

Last Saturday morning in company with our young son Oscar, fully armed and equipped we sallied forth at the very crack of day bound for the Guier ranch, seven miles or more away, where we arrived as the sun began to gild the tree-tops, and received a cheerful, hearty old fashioned welcome at the hands of our friend George, who had been waiting our arrival. Dismounting, we entered his cozy, comfortable dwelling, and in a very few minutes Oscar and his pa were seated at the bounteous breakfast table in company with our worthy host, and soon became eagerly engaged in the full enjoyment of delicious strong coffee, warm white biscuits, fried chicken, fried sweet potatoes, fresh from the patch, and sundry good things, which we indulged in to our utmost bent. It was a meal at early morn, that we will pleasantly remember for some time to come.

So far, so good. Breakfast over, squirrel hunting was fully discussed and the localities of the cunning little creatures frequented, talked over; pecan trees, water holes, distances and so on.

Mr. Guier in company with Oscar left at once for the back of the plantation, saying they would be gone about twenty minutes. Getting tired waiting their return, after having examined the big mound near the house, which we will tell about some other time, we took our gun and started for the woods afoot, and here our trouble began. Not saying anything to any one about the route to be taken, supposing that the squirrel-killing gun would guide Mr. Guier and our son in the proper direction to find us. The motive that prompted this move was doubtless a desire to steal a march on George and Oscar; but the sequel will show that with us it was all march and no steal at the outcome.

Under the shady trees we footed it briskly for awhile, peering eagerly below and above for a passing or busy rodent. We had been told by a reliable person that the woods were full of them, so along we trudged, through tangled vines, across boggy bayous, over fallen timber and bristling briars, hoping against hope, to find at least one lone squirrel to satisfy the craving of our hunting appetite, but never a one put in an appearance, and completely exhausted we found the Davidson bridge—no squirrel, no nothing. Before us a long weary, warm dusty road that meandered with the bayou until it reached the lake, over three miles away; above us a gleaming red hot sun shining with angry heat along the route we had to travel to reach home, for we had not heard from George and Oscar, and going back was entirely out of the question, so onward we footed it towards the lake. To tell of what we actually endured while plodding our weary way would take up too much space. Soon the hot sun began to tell upon our hoary head, noises in our ears sounded like squirrels barking—"the woods was full of 'em" in the distance. Numerous gin houses were sending forth their shrill notes, and our tottering steps indicated that exhausted nature was about ready to sink to rest when we found welcome shade in front of Waterloo. Here we remained awhile, rested, recuperated and reheard harped, when onward we went, with more or less repetition of the noises, until we came in sight of the lake, when we were overtaken by George and Oscar on horseback. Did we mount; no indeed, our dander was up when asked to do so. So we footed it to home, and felt when we got there that somebody had played the fool. Thus our squirrel hunt resembled the play of Hamlet with Iphigene left out, and this scribe played the ghost.

FEAST OF MICROBES.
Times-Democrat.]
EPENDORF, HAMBURG, Sept. 22, 1892.
"Good God! How you reek of cholera!"

This was the cheerful greeting of a young physician who is busy in the cholera wards here. I had slept during the last night in one of the pavilions. It was on the floor which we had swept out. It was a luxury compared to the night in ward F. I had been amusing myself by taking the temperature of the doctor, and our heads were very near together. We were both looking at the thermometer when he made the exclamation.

"You will be done with it to-day," he said pleasantly. "It's the Elbe water you took yesterday." This being the case I have hurried through with this letter and will have it posted at once, for I know how suddenly cholera disables a man both mentally and physically.

This wonderfully good news has cheered me up immensely. If I am struck down the result will be of negative value, because it will merely go to show that so far the Haffkine inoculation is null. On the other hand if I do not have the cholera and can yet show that I have passed cholera germs through my intestines, this will go further than might else to prove the value of the inoculation to which I have submitted. If it is so a great discovery will have been made; one interesting to every human being. I shall proceed at once to have the necessary bacteriological examination made. I must apologize to those six gentlemen with whom I sat to eat supper this evening, for I omitted to take the usual precautions to disinfect my hands, which might have alarmed them had they known they reeked with cholera.

You laymen possibly don't know how overpowering the smell of cholera is. You professional men do. I do. But I behaved loyally at that meal. I touched nothing that I did not eat, nothing that my cholera-smouched hands had touched went beyond me. In this effort I nearly choked myself eating a large piece of black bread. I could not leave it. Any morsel that would possibly have been infectious had to go down my throat.

ALL WARNINGS DISREGARDED.

One of the principal warnings, and one upon which Herr Director Rumpf had laid great stress, was that which prohibited my eating with uncleaned hands—that is, I was enjoined not to take that means which is the easiest and surest way to take the illness. There was yet another rule which is looked upon as one of the principal ones, and to which Dr. Rumpf had especially called my attention. It was that referring to the extreme care which should be taken not to put one's fingers to the mouth. All day I had handled cholera patients in every condition. I should not be justified, in a paper not strictly scientific and technical, in detailing too much of the realistic side of the picture. It would be too gross to the general reader. Let it suffice that I underwent all the details of nursing cholera patients.

But the point of it all is that I constantly not only rubbed my hands over my mouth immediately after touching the sick, but inserted my fingers into my mouth. This I repeated probably twenty times during the day. In the evening, at 10:30, I had just served Oftermann with seltzer. He was one of the cases marked very bad. When he had finished with the mug I took it to the bathroom and drained out the rest of the soda water, and carefully allowed my lips to dwell upon the edges of the mug exactly where his had been. This put me into immediate contact with the cholera microbes. Oftermann is now one of the gone cases. Thus in one day, with my system thoroughly open to infection, which is more apt to fasten upon a stranger coming into contact with the disease than upon a mother, I have made the following essay:

1. I have touched food with my hands virtually reeking with cholera.
2. I have handled cholera patients constantly and afterward placed my hands in my mouth.
3. I have drank from the same mug after a cholera patient, touching with my mouth the edges of the vessel where his had touched.
4. I have slept in the bed of a dead cholera patient, between two patients in an active state of that disease.
5. I have drank of water which comes from the Elbe, and which is the cause of all the illness here. I got the water from outside the door of ward F.

DRANK MORE ELBE WATER.

6. I have drank water from the Elbe taken from the river at a point just outside the water works which supply the town. This last feat I made yesterday, drinking two glasses at 9 o'clock in the evening. My temperature was then 38.6 degrees, centigrade thermometer.
7. I have eaten a roll and butter which had been in the pocket of my canvas jacket several hours in a cholera ward, and I ate it immediately after having supported and handled one of our very worst cases. The case was one which came in yesterday afternoon and was laid in the bed where Schultz had died the night previous. He was in a state of collapse. The salt water infusion was tried and strangely enough, he died profusely. At 2:45 he came in. At 3:20 I was holding his right arm. His pulse had been very weak and now failed entirely. He was dead.

Immediately after, with my hands covered with the blood and with the strong smell of cholera upon them, I ate my bread and butter without washing my hands. This, of course, was strictly against the rules of the ward, or indeed any other ward, for eating among cholera patients is tempting death in a reckless manner. But let me tell Dr. Manchon that I ate by stealth, so as in no way to give a bad example with the other nurses.

You will remember how I told you of young Woyton, who was my neighbor the night I slept in ward F. He died during the day after a long fight, in which youth and magnificent physique went for nothing. How mad a fight I shall never forget. Within a few minutes of Woyton's death the fireman, who was in an opposite bed, died. Life and the man who had laid next to my right-hand neighbor, Norrioz, and who died, parted company. Thus two on the right and two on the left of me as I slept on that ghastly night are dead. Ward F. has many empty beds now.

STANHOPE.

The Leathers passed up on Wednesday morning several hours behind time, having blown a plug out of her boiler while landing at Trausylvania. She was delayed fifteen hours for repairs. This was the first trip of the season and the up freight was satisfactory. She passed down Wednesday evening, leaving here with 97 bales of new cotton, 25 of them were baled at Purdy's landing. 500 sacks of cotton seed was also a part of her cargo.

JOS. F. RANSDALL,
Former partner and successor to the late J. W. Montgomery.

R. X. RANSDALL,
Notary Public.

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- Keller place, 306 acres—On Dry Prong, 9 miles from Providence. 250 acres were in cultivation in 1893; this is a fine tract of land which can be had very low for cash.
- Ingram place, 324 acres—On Dry Prong, 8 miles from Providence, nearly all of which had been cleared and in cultivation on before the war.
- Caraway Lake place, 320 acres—About 4 miles from Monticello; fully 100 acres of this tract was in cultivation years ago.
- York plantation, situated on Old river; six hundred acres in the state of cultivation. Good houses, ditches &c.

- Live Oak place, 900 acres—About 4 miles from Providence; this is a fine plantation in a high state of cultivation, with dwelling, houses for field hands, gin-house &c.
- The Dorris place, 682 acres—11 miles from Providence. Several acres in cultivation now and over 400 before the war.
- The W. E. Dunn store on Lake street; a new spacious building, and a good business stand.
- The lands that were in cultivation before the war as stated above, can be put in cultivation again without very much labor. We also have a number of very desirable lots at low figures in the town of Providence.
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Lake Providence, La.

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