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Church Directory, Divine services in the Methodist church as follows: Providence, 1st and 3rd Sunday's...

Local and Parish News.

Mr. H. C. McGuire has started on his \$9,000 yard contract below town.

There was a heavy wet fall from the clouds long before light on Monday last.

The signal service flags have been rather irregular in appearance this week.

Dr. Burwell and Mr. Jessie Nalle came up on the Leathers Thursday morning.

Hon. J. E. Ransdell returned from attending Court at Tallulah the close of last week.

The McGinty teams are rushing the levee work ahead as fast as possible near Ashton.

H. B. Steven's Gardiner was in town on Wednesday trying to plant a clothing crop.

Mr. Luke Sells of the old reliable commission house of Sells & Co., St. Louis, was in town on last week.

Mr. Geo. Manlove the schedule time "Grocery Grip" visitor, was with us this week and done some tall talking.

The levee work all along the line is being pushed ahead as fast as the weather and the short days will permit.

The colored legions setting under instructions in East Carroll failed to face the ballot battle on the 8th instant.

The Pargoud has made her last trip for the season. There was not business enough for two boats in the trade.

The Pythians had a pleasant gathering on Tuesday evening at their lodge room. There were several visiting brethren present.

Major John A. Buckner visited Providence near the close of last week. We were pleased to meet him after an absence of three months Northward.

The T. P. Leathers traced back from Providence on Thursday morning in order to return next trip on time, leaving New Orleans on Saturday evening as usual.

Confidence in protection from overflow is growing steadily. Last springs immunity on the Mississippi side prompts the equity, why not on this side likewise.

The government works near Ashton, and the levee building and repairing in progress, is helping the colored people who are willing to work considerably.

The Arlington levee in front of what was known as New Town some years ago, needs repairs, raising and strengthening badly. It is regarded by good judges as dangerous.

We are in debt to the Sanderfoot Bros. Manufacturing Co., of South Bend, Indiana, for a nice piece of music, "Richard and Sweetheart Nell." Words by Carl Bruche and music by W. F. Sudds.

Dr. Bergen's Asthma and Consumption cure. Cures Asthma, Hay Fever, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Croup, Colds and Sore throats, when all others fail.

Our friend from the Gulf, ranch on Texas, was in town Wednesday. He has cut down his cotton figures considerably from what they were a few weeks ago.

The Confederate Veterans convened in town on Wednesday. Among them we noticed J. C. Bass, R. N. Bea, Geo. Guier, T. D. McCandless and several other old friends of ours. Their camp fire was well attended.

Dr. A. G. Tillman, DENTIST.

Has arrived, and can be found at the residence of Mrs. Green's on First street.

Mr. Max Stockuer from the Providence reach, was in town again on Wednesday, telling everybody that he was going to put 150 acres in broom straw next year, preparatory to a "clean sweep out in Washington."

The Providence Homestead Association sold \$450.00 on Monday evening last at a premium of 32 1-2. The Association keeps up its business systematically and successfully, and to all appearances will continue to do so.

Sheriff Dunn with his family moved into their new residence on the lake Wednesday, and before dawn the next morning his good lady presented him with another daughter. Mother and child we are pleased to learn are doing well.

Dr. Tillman, Surgeon Dentist, came up Wednesday morning on the Chattahoochee, and located at Mrs. Green's on First street, where all those requiring his services will find him. The Doctor is in the front rank of his profession and guarantees all work done by him.

The Appellate Court convened on Tuesday last at the Court-house, Judges Montgomery and Kennedy presiding. There was but one case for trial, Stewart, Gwyn & Co., vs. T. J. Saunders; Geo. F. Blackburn, Intervenor. Judgment in favor of Intervenor. There being no further business the Court adjourned late in the evening of the same day.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the marriage ceremony in St. Louis on Tuesday, November 22, which will unite Miss Nellie Dougherty and Mr. Edward J. Scott for life, and regret that time and distance will prevent our being present; but we wish for the young pair our earnest wishes for their future happiness. May the rays of good fortune, shine from above, and their pathway be strewn with the blossoms of love.

The U. S. steamer Mississippi with the River Commission on board, lay at the Providence landing Saturday night and left for Vicksburg early Monday morning. There were on board Col. C. B. Comstock, President; Col. C. B. Suter, Cal. Enst, Col. Henry Flad, Prof. H. L. Whitney and Capt. C. F. Palfry secretary. Capt. C. McD. Townsend accompanied the Commission from Memphis down, going as far as Vicksburg. The Commission is on its regular semi-annual tour of inspection.

Elder Jack Williams of the Baptist persuasion, immersed seventeen colored persons in the lake on Sunday last. There were ten men and seven women. The extended ceremony was conducted with good order. An occasional shout was indulged in, and a rush was made for deep water by a couple of colored women to meet and greet the men who had been put under.

Baptizing and taking into the churches, has been at fever heat for some time past. In the past six weeks nearly 300 colored converts have been put under.

The week commenced with heavy rain before light on Monday, which made cotton picking impossible, being the third week of bad and disagreeable weather for the planter.

Many of the young bolls that were expected to mature have been too badly bitten by the black frost of last week to permit of their doing so, which will considerably reduce the yield of the top crop on which so much dependence was placed.

Taken all together, the cotton crop of 1892 comes near being a failure, and leaves the planters in a sorry plight financially, which means a serious shortage all round as far as East Carroll is concerned.

Business gives every evidence of hard times, without any prospective improvement. The health of white and black is excellent, while the physicians are complaining of hard times.

Grace Church Sunday School is the several changes that has taken place, in change of Pastors, Rectors and moving the edifice, has passed through many vicissitudes within the last ten years; but we are much pleased to learn that to-day the school is numerically, educationally and religiously a complete success, prospering to the full extent of the expectations of the good ladies who have the school in charge, but financially it is a little cramped for money to pay for the customary illustrated papers, cards, etc., that are awarded to the meritorious children, while every child in attendance gets some.

To meet these demands upon them the lady managers have for some time past been rehearsing several appropriate juvenile plays and a drama which they will present to the public on Wednesday evening, December the 14, due notice will be given of the program, place of entertainment and price of admission. We sincerely hope the entire public will patronize the good cause, seeing it is for the little ones.

THE SAW MILL.

Since writing the lumber article of last week we have been favored with the estimated cost of a saw mill from a reliable source, and after carefully figuring on all the contingent expense, allowing ample margin for each and every item, we find that a mill with capacity of from 12,000 to 16,000 feet a day ready for work at the foot of the lake will cost \$3,500, a planing mill could be attached for about \$200, and a shingle mill for \$250, bringing all within \$4,000, which would require twenty stockholders at \$200 each, or forty at \$100 each. Surely such an enterprise is feasible in Providence and vicinity. Once started, such a mill would give employment to fully forty hands, who would be paid off every week. What an increase in the town trade this would produce. Lumber for building purposes always on hand, shipping and hauling charges saved, cash from St. Louis and elsewhere in return for lumber distributed here, greater facilities for building, increase of population and more demand for houses.

These are some of the benefits derivable from the venture we speak of. Saw mills have built up Lake Charles, Plaquemine and many other towns. Why not build up Providence in the same way? We shall refer to this matter again more fully.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

For sometime past a squad of Italians, commonly called Dagoes, have been located here in the tropical fruit business, sending out daily into the country heavily laden baskets with bananas, oranges &c. On Monday evening last a little before sun down one of the basket carriers was returning to town, having sold most of his fruit, when within less than a mile of town, near Deansboro, he was attacked by a strong negro, who seized him by the throat with both hands, choking him down, until he was entirely helpless. His basket with the remnant of fruit was thrown down the levee and his pockets relieved of \$3.50, the proceeds of his days sales. When he recovered the negro had disappeared and has not been arrested that we know of up to date. The young Dago was badly bruised, and worse frightened when he returned to his employer without money and muddy oranges.

There is a current consoling adage which is often heard and which has been in use several hundred years; it is "better late than never," as a deterrent resort. It may be properly used for many situations in human affairs, but we scarcely think it can ever be applicable with safety to levee matters where official neglect has caused delay in levee work as has been the case in this year of our Lord 1892 in this immediate parish and elsewhere along the line of the Fifth Louisiana Levee District. The insufficiency of funds for levee purposes in the district is a painfully established fact, and the better late than never letting of contracts for raising and repairing to be completed by February 1st next will be to a considerable extent an actual waste of the monies expended for the work so done.

By February 1st the waters from the Eastern shed will be down upon us. They often come sooner, and melt away the fresh dirt thrown up on top and base, floating away the earthy loam from where it was placed, in the eddies and currents. We do not positively know where the fault lies for the inexcusable delay in doing the work we refer to, but we can make a shrewd guess that there has been blame on both sides, to-wit: The non timely action of the old board and the unexplained and inexcusable delay in the appointment of the new Board. It is a serious thing to trifle with the safety of the people of the four river parishes, as well as the safety of other parishes along the bayous in the interior. Their homes and their all are entirely dependent upon the fidelity of the officials who have the levee matters in charge. It is true that overflows have been of annual occurrence at some point or other ever since the levee system has been in existence; but that, instead of furnishing an excuse for delay and neglect, should be an incentive to greater watchfulness, diligence and promptitude.

Crevasse will sometimes occur despite the best and most intelligent human efforts; but there can be no excuse for crevasse when they are produced by the procrastination and unnecessary delay of those in charge. In such cases they become a crime. The people expect protection from overflow. It is but reasonable that they should do so, seeing that they pay such steep taxes to ensure it. Ten mills ad valorem, 6 cents an acre on land indiscriminately cultivated or uncultivated and 50 cents on every bale of cotton produced.

We sincerely hope we will never again have cause to complain of such palpable blunders in levee matters as has been displayed this year in this parish, and trust no serious evil will grow out of it; but if there should, the fearful responsibility for the damage done will certainly be placed where it properly belongs.

JACOB OWEN.

There is no death! what seems so is transition: This life of mortal breath Is but a suburb of the life elysian, Whose portals we call death. When a good man and true, passes away, it is but right and proper that some tribute should be paid by those who are left behind, to the memory of his worth.

"SPEAK ME FAIR IN DEATH," has been regarded as a solemn, sacred duty for many, many past generations of mankind, and all such speaking has ever been productive of much good among the living, soothing the bereaved ones in their "solitary grief and inspiring many to imitate the virtues and walk in the upright footsteps of the departed.

Mr. Owen was born on the 1st day of April, in the year 1820, in Jefferson county, Kentucky, where the Owen family had figured substantially and highly respected for a long number of years, and our departed friend was a true Owen, and in every way a worthy representative of the name. A leading feature of the family was sturdy independence, with which the subject of this tribute was strongly imbued.

At the age of eleven years, he from choice, started out to budet the battle of life, and in five years, when he was sixteen, his industry and close attention to business had secured him a clerkship in the city of Louisville second to none in salary and responsibility. Arriving at manhood he embarked in business for his own account, and was for a time prominent as a Hardware merchant in Kentucky's big city. His intelligence, adability, integrity and good judgment secured him a large patronage and numerous friends.

His "Old Kentucky Home" was ever dear to him. There he spent his early days in the full and keen enjoyment of life, and no man that we have ever met to our knowledge had a clearer and more enjoyable appreciation of actual existence than Mr. Owen.

In Kentucky he was made a Mason according to the ritual of the Order, but Nature's handy work had stamped him a Mason when bringing him into existence. He was a living example of the tenets of the order. A hand ever open to melting charity, hospitable to a fault and a fast friend. If his life had been spared a few years longer Masonry would have been much benefited, because he was preparing to publish a book, "Masons of Kentucky and my association with them." With him the preparation of the manuscript was strictly a labor of love, and no man was better fitted to discharge such a duty than he; but alas! 'twas not to be, he was called away so suddenly in response to the sound of the Grand Master's gavel in the East, as every true Mason expects to do whenever the summons comes.

For forty years or more Mr. Owen had resided in this parish, making occasional trips to the old home and scenes of his early life. Every one of the older inhabitants knew him well and estimated his worth as a true man among men, and a citizen of the highest and best type. In speaking of his merits as a fellow citizen, friend and good man, we have no fear of over estimating his worth. Mr. Owen was exceptional in many respects. As a citizen, he was public spirited in the extreme, doing everything in his power to promote the public weal, and doing it freely and heartily. As a friend, he was undimching and as true as steel; as fearlessly pointing out faults as praising virtues. He was a strong character, full of firmness and vitality, and at the same time kindly, gentle and sympathizing with the sorrow of his friends. His vitality was always bubbling over with cheerful mirth, wit and anecdotes, of which he had an inexhaustible store. As a man, he was the peer of the best in nearly every respect. Intellegently he ranked high. Socially, he was second to none. Morally, he had his faults, who has not? but his many virtues like charity's wide spreading mantle, covered up completely all his foibles, and he stood before us

"AN HONEST MAN, THE NOBLEST WORK OF GOD." And we can sadly and truthfully exclaim,

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Farewell old friend, we shall fondly retain the memory of thy many good qualities as long as we stay behind, or until the Master calls us to where there is

MORE LIGHT, and then we will meet again and enjoy the dazzling brightness of the eternal East.

"Green be the turf above thee, Friend of my better days; None knew thee but to love thee, Nor named thee but to praise."

The negro that robbed the Dago on account of which is mentioned elsewhere was captured on Wednesday and put in jail. The next morning he was gone, and the sick negro that remained behind at the last jail delivery a few days ago, left also. The jail is empty and full of holes. Who is to blame for such a criminal condition of things?

Highway robbery is a serious crime, and highway robbers when captured should be safely held and severely punished.

RIVER RECORD.

The Pargoud had a light up trip. Leaving here going down, with 445 bales of cotton; 45 of the lot from Purdy's landing and 60 re-shipped from the Joe Peters.

The Peters is the pioneer steamer in the new trade between Memphis and Vicksburg. She turned over her freight and passengers for below to the Pargoud. The officers of the Peters informed our reporter that they had a good trip out from Memphis and that their boat had come to stay.

Mr. Lilly, the pleasant peddler in fat beef cattle, left on the Pargoud for Filers, Landing, Miss., with six bear dogs and two horses to join some old Kentucky friends in a three weeks bear hunt.

The cotton bales are going to the landing very slowly and very few. Cotton picking on Black Bayou plantation is over and foots up forty tied bales. Not one-fifth of a crop.

The Marx, cotton seed boat, will be down Saturday. Capt. J. J. Hays is on board. He picked up \$800 on Cleveland for himself and \$1800 for a friend in Memphis.

Charley Murray, who holds up the scribes department in the Pargoud office, and who by the way, has been well and favorable known in these diggins for many years, handed us the roustabouts last refrain, with which they leave port since the election:

Old Harrison is dead, Bill McKelvey he is dying, Cleveland is elected, And there is no use of crying, Boo hoo, Ben. What a diff' twixt now and then, Boo hoo, cry; till the clouds roll by, And the sunshine comes again, To brighten up our Ben.

TO THE COLORED RACE.

Mr. Editor—Please give me space in your paper to say that in thinking of the many things that impede the progress of the colored people in North Louisiana, especially in the parish of East Carroll, I find there is nothing so injurious as politics.

There are among the colored people men who are called leaders of the Republican party, and it is the intention of these men to rule or ruin, and when they find that they cannot rule, they become prejudiced and use what influence they possess to the injury and against the interest of their race. This sort of thing has been let run on too long. It is time something were being done to stop it. The ignorant colored people have been misled too much.

Colored men retire from politics, educate your children, buy yourselves homes, build churches and school houses, for the time is coming when they will be needed. The class of men I mean, always say they are working for the benefit of their country and people, but politics is a wrong tool to work with for such a purpose, and when they say their people they mean themselves, and their country is confined to their pockets from top to bottom. People of my race leave politics alone, practice good manners, virtue and honesty, and prosperity will be the sure result.

On November the 8th but a few votes were polled by the colored people in this parish on account of the prejudice of some of the so-called leaders. I have no particular interest in politics, further than a desire for good government. I work for a support regardless of who the President of the United States may happen to be.

We need more union and self-reliance than politics among ourselves. Politics has never done our race any good. I am no politician and never expect to be. My desire is to be a faithful citizen of the country, and with God's blessing, a minister of the A. M. E. Church. Respectfully, T. J. C. HOWZE.

The proceedings of the U. C. V's. came in too late for insertion this week. Will appear in our next.

The Alexandria Democrat copied our notice of the Ransdell-Davis marriage, and added the following kindly mention:

To the groom—who is a native and erst-while resident of Rapides parish—and his fair bride, the Democrat tenders its congratulations and wishes them bon voyage upon the deck of the good old matrimonial ship.

[By request.] LEONIE.

I pray thee now, sweet babe to waken, And leave thy dainty daisy bed, So long asleep, oh! thou has taken, Toss days and hours to months have sped.

Awake my little love, awake, For thee thy mother still is weeping; For thee thy mother's heart doth ache—O, Leonie cease thy sleeping.

The buds that fell ere winter's blast, Came back in beauty with the spring; The birdies of the summer past, Amid the dowers do sweetly sing. All, all are here, Leonie but thee; 'Tis thus that I, thy mother weep; What joy can earth bring unto me, While far away my Leonie sleeps. MOTHER.

BOOR RENT.

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