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Local and Parish News.

Four days without mail. He gobbled in great style.

A happy New Year to you. Christmas carolled grandly.

The egg nog was abundant. The syndicate sale is about over.

Mr. Frank McGuire's coal pile has been in much demand this week.

Wash Green, the mail carrier man, must have been badly frosted.

St. John's day was duly celebrated by the Masonic fraternity in town.

Let the memory of the merry season breathe peace over the incoming year.

Mr. James Scaries of Vicksburg, was a visitor to Providence this week.

Mr. Byerlie and his family will move back to town the coming week.

The mercury was hunting the bottom of the tube on Tuesday morning.

Sunday morning at sun rise a heavy frost covered the ground, with the mercury at 18.

Miss Annie Delony returned from Hazlehurst Tuesday morning on the packet Ruth.

We gratefully appreciate the many favors extended to us during the merry season.

Providence Fire Company will hold its regular annual election of officers on Monday next.

Toney has kept his flags straight this week; further as to himself, this dependent saith so.

The platters who had land broke up will be largely benefited by the hard freezing weather that has prevailed this week.

Dr. W. E. Long and family moved down into the second ward in the Atherton neighborhood this week.

The Christmas ship full freighted, arrived on schedule time at the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening.

The officers elected to fill the chairs of Pecan Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M. for 1893 were duly installed in the lodge room on Tuesday evening last.

There were many pleasant and agreeable exchanges of amenities during the holidays.

Hon. J. M. Kennedy returned home from the Crescent City on Sunday last, bringing with him Miss Kennedy, and his son John from the State University at Baton Rouge to participate in the seasons merry making.

It is a bad old case when the advertising space is filled with reading matter.

The weather this week has been wintry in the extreme for this latitude.

Very little cotton has been seen passing through town this week, and to all appearance about the last sack of seed has been brought in to fill out the Christmas merry making.

A large gathering from Providence went on board the Vesper Wednesday morning bound for Mayersville, where they took part in an entertainment the same evening.

Hard times is the cry of the merchants in town and country.

Why is this thus? The answer is prompt: They don't advertise their wares.

It is not pleasant to get up a growl at the close of the year, but the truth must out.

Assistant U. S. Engineer Brown came up to spend Christmas with his family.

Leave contractor Hiner is doing good work on the big levee in front of town under the watchful care of Mr. Lewis, his efficient manager.

Hamer & Cawley, business on the corner of Sparrow & Lake streets, are handling some fine meats during the holidays and have their prices low down.

The Fire Company's team under the management of marshal Hamilton, is in fine condition and doing a better business than it has done for some time past.

We are informed by our Postmaster that on and after January 1st, 1893, the registry fee on all letters or parcels will be 8 cents, instead of 10 cents as heretofore.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The kindling of kindly feeling one towards another at the close of each year is a worthy and admirable practice that should be kept up with earnest persistence.

All past errors forgotten and forgiven, nothing remembered but the interchange of kindly thoughts that produce pleasant memories of the past.

There is a goodly custom to feel kindly towards your fellow man, extend to him the right hand of fellowship on the morning of the incoming year and heartily exclaim,

In accordance therewith, we pen these few thoughts suggested by the season and earnestly extend a heartfelt wish to our readers, that each and every one may enjoy

There is, we regret to say, much vindictiveness, vengeance and ill-feeling mixed up in human affairs that crop out injuriously during life's journey.

A kindly thought is always beneficial to humanity, to the individual who gives expression to it, as well as to the person on whom it is bestowed.

The beginning of a new year is an excellent time to wipe out old grievances, misunderstandings and ill-feelings.

It is an old saying that "the darkest hour is just before day" which will be strictly applicable to the situation here in East Carroll just now.

It is pleasing to notice that notwithstanding the extreme scarcity of cotton and consequent scarcity of money, our people are not at all discouraged.

There are tens of thousands of acres that could readily be brought into successful cultivation, and soon become a source of great wealth and increased annual revenue when once occupied.

We well know that several attempts have been made in the past few years to induce immigration into East Carroll, but the natural dread of inundation prevented these efforts being successful.

The colored race when let alone, are a peculiarly contented people, with a big appreciation of life, and living for its own sake.

They are now preparing heartily to make 1893 a full and flowing year, with an abundance of the earth's products, and they will do it, if it is within human power.

It is not necessary to enter into a detail of the inexhaustible wealth of soil and timber of our parish.

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CLOSING THE YEAR.

With this number of the Banner-Democrat we bid farewell to the year 1892, having plodded along from the beginning of January to this the last day of December with all the diligence possible.

To shoot folly as it flies, we may have given offense to some persons unintentionally.

Fail many a happy hour has come and gone, 'twix me and you, and many a cloud did lower.

Good-bye old year, we won't complain of what we have passed through, but come what may, we will exclaim, God bless old '92.

Now the financial feature in levee matters has been satisfactorily settled, and strong, substantial levees will no doubt be put up all along the river.

Our misfortunes from overflow in years past, nearly every person knows, were attributable to your poverty, insufficiency of money to make the embankments durable and sufficiently large.

This promising prospect for future protection suggests the idea of having the valuable lands in the interior of our parish occupied and brought into cultivation.

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FROM FLANAGAN.

Dear Democrat:—We doff our old Stetson to a kind remembrance in a recent issue, with a sigh, that we cannot *destram juncere dextrae*, while we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

A shake with the B. D. would under any circumstances be a pleasant sensation; but over Christmas-cheer, with Cleveland elected, oh my!

In spite of dull care "we should smile!" Yes, verily, we think there would be some spirits in our smiles.

Our hearts in the low lands of old Carroll! Furthermore, we were born with an indolency to *nostalgia*, and ever so red though the soil of this rich vale be, we can never forget our old *betre noir*, the buckshot of Neponset and that ilk.

We had scarce assumed the *toga virilis* when we came South to be reconstructed with the country.

We were neither attacked by the men nor hooted by the boys on account of our carpet-bag, but were reliably informed that a year sooner our hat, (a silk tile from Knox's, Broadway, N. Y.) would hardly have passed the ordeal.

The sheds covering the banquets were new. We had never been in so hilly a city and our first view of the Mississippi was from a window over the Vicksburg Bank.

The State of Kansas had 100,000 feet of lumber, passing up on Monday for St. Louis.

The Joe Peters came down on Wednesday behind time, put off 41 bales of cotton and sundry freight here for re-shipment on the Natchez and started back to Memphis.

Natches up Tuesday and down Wednesday; got 96 bales here and 60 at Wyl's.

Miss Carrie Hall and Miss Ethel Egely left Monday on the Vesper to visit friends in the second ward, where they will remain a week.

Mr. J. P. Alexander, late of Pecan Grove in this parish, but now a resident of Chicot county, Ark., was in town the close of last week after he had gone to press.

From him that he had disposed of the onyx marble quarry in which he had invested in company with our esteemed friend Mr. Geo. Foster.

The sale of the great onyx marble quarry of Los Tules, Lower California, of which mention has heretofore been made in this paper, was completed today, the money for the purchase having been paid over to the owners by the Consolidated National bank.

Every landing handles our Sacks. Ask for them and don't take any others.

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- Valentine place, 4000 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 capacious 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. Bellagio plantation, situated on Lake Providence, about five miles from Providence, containing 2500 acres, 700 to 800 cleared; will rent or sell, with mules and farming implements. Call and examine our lists.

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Highest Price Paid for Cotton Seed. Consign Freight Care Planters' Warehouses. Cotton Seed Cakes always on hand.

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Job work of every description promptly done.

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Will carry passengers from Providence to Mayersville and on to the Rail Road Depot at Rolling Fork daily. The hack leaves Ben Lomond every morning at 9 o'clock, with the mail. Special trips made when required. All orders left at Hamilton's Lake View Hotel will be promptly attended to.

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