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Local and Parish News.

The patriots now an eager band, As search of place and power.

Business dull this week again.

The weather this week has been simply magnificent.

Mr. W. C. McRae's manager in the second ward has lots of land broken up.

There will be service at Grace Church to-morrow, morning and evening.

Mr. Yought of the second ward sold \$65 worth of honey in Chicago a few days ago.

Masters Frank Constant and W. B. Keene were visitors to Providence on Wednesday.

Ploughing is being done in the Old-field on Buckmeadow this early in the season. Good.

The electric lights will soon be extended as far as the Ice Factory out on the Lake front.

Mrs. Rice is making an addition to her dwelling on Lake street, near the Episcopal Church.

Fousse is coming to the front on Lake street, and fixing up his front to the Queen's taste.

We had a pleasant call from our friend Mr. C. H. Webb of the second ward on Tuesday morning last.

PLEASANT FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

On Wednesday evening at the fine residence of Capt. V. M. Purdy north of Lake street, his good lady gave a pleasant entertainment to the Grace Church Sunday School children, inviting also a large number of the young ones from the Methodist Sunday School, especially those who took part in the musical and dramatic performance at the O'Sullivan Opera House on the 13th ultimo.

The party was given at Mrs. Purdy's as a sort of Christmas aftermath, and it was admirably well done under the careful auspices of Misses Mary Turner, Mamie Lawler, Maggie Schneider and Katie Turner. The little ones enjoyed themselves to their utmost, and an ordinary looker on would have found it difficult to determine which of the groups enjoyed the occasion the most, the little ones or those who were earnestly engaged in contributing to their entertainment.

There is unquestionably a wealth of pleasure in adding more or less to the sum of human happiness, particularly when the children are the object in view; and we certainly congratulate the young ladies we have named on the enjoyment they gave and received on Wednesday evening. May their shadows never get less in such laudable pursuits.

A LEADER.

Since its first introduction, Electric Bitters has gained rapidly in popular favor, until now it is clearly in the lead among pure medicinal tonics and alternatives—containing nothing which permits its use as a beverage or intoxicant, it is recognized as the best and purest medicine for all ailments of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys—it will cure Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, and drive Malaria from the system. Satisfaction guaranteed with each bottle or the money will be refunded. Sold by J. S. Guenard.

Our genial friend Tom McCandless, in the Clerk's office as deputy, is the right man in the right place beyond the shadow of a doubt. Everything there is in first class order. The principal and deputy cannot be outdone in courtesy and close attention to business.

Our smiling untiring friend Simon Witkowski from Ashton accompanied by his son, visited Providence on Monday last. Mr. Witkowski has many friends in Providence who always extend him a hearty welcome when he comes this way. He left for Ashton the same evening.

Among recent postoffice curiosities we were shown the following by Mr. Taylor, as a sample inscription made by a member of the male persuasion to speed the missive to his lady love: "Let me pass at a rapid rate, To Yazoo county, Mississippi State, And at Deesoville, P. O. let me stay, Until Miss Emma King takes me away." The letter was duly forwarded to Miss Emma with all the speed possible.

There was a meeting of the Vestry of Grace Church on Wednesday last. Col. E. W. Constant, Dr. W. E. Long and Mr. W. H. Benjamin from the second ward, with the other members were in attendance, to receive the Rev. Lawrence Guerin from Iowa, who had been sent here by Bishop Sessoms to fill the vacancy that has existed since the departure of Rev. Wm. Hart.

We flud the following report of the lowest bids for the Government levees to be put up in East Carroll: Middle Tensas District—Upper Villa Vista, 126,000 yards, to M. V. Henry, Birmingham, Ala., 18 1/2 cents; Middle Villa Vista, 126,000 yards, to John Scott & Son, 18 1/2 cents; Lower Villa Vista, 126,000 yards, to the between W. L. Withers, Taylor, Miss., and J. A. Dayton, Greenville, Miss., 18 cents; Salem, upper, 86,000 yards, to Manning & Gibson, 16 cents; Salem, lower, 185,000 yards, to Manning & Gibson, 14 1/2 cents.

Our reporter says river news is as scarce as hen teeth. The packet T. P. Leathers has quit. The Joe Peters tied up at Greenville and did not leave there for Memphis until Sunday last. The river is reported clear of ice. The steamer Natchez will continue in the bend trade and go as far as Grand Lake every week. The Choptaloochee was wired at this point to stop at Transylvania landing and get fifty bales of cotton for Harry H. Graham Freight this week has been coming by rail via Greenville and Vicksburg. Cotton seed still in demand at \$18 per ton. River has fallen 15 feet since it started on the down grade this time. The gauge now reads 4 feet.

There is a squad of precocious white kids that frequent the corners of the streets in town after dark nearly every evening indulging in vile, gross language; offensive to every one that passes along, white or black. Their ages are anywhere from eight to fourteen, and they are a veritable nuisance that should be suppressed. We forbear mentioning their names this time, but give this warning to them, their parents or guardians that if they continue their wretched vulgar practices they will be held up to public scorn.

Messrs. S. H. Moberly and H. K. Barwick from the second ward, were in town Wednesday.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF IT.

In 1888 the Carroll Democrat published the charter of the Lake Providence and Western Railway Company, and it was then thought that a track from Providence westward would soon be laid, and we would proceed at once to build up and infuse new life into our favorably located town.

It is now nearly four years since the publication of the charter, and we are prompted to ask in all earnestness, WHAT HAS BECOME OF IT?

We make the inquiry just now more particularly, because of a new venture that is afoot under favorable auspices in the shape of a large saw mill, with a prospective planing machine and shingle cutting attachments soon to be added. The intention is to locate the saw mill at the outlet down Bayou Tensas near the cypress break where the saw logs can be conveniently and profitably handled. The parties embarking in this undertaking, and it is to be made a rather extensive one, propose to clean out Bayou Tensas and bring their lumber to Providence by the water route, which will necessarily be a somewhat inconvenient mode of transportation.

It has been suggested to us that now is the nick of time for the railroad to make a start with a compensating traffic directly they get five miles out from town. It has been wisely said that, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

The establishment of the saw mill and its surrounding seems to us to be the tide for the Lake Providence and Western R. R. Co., which will, from all we learn and from our knowledge of the parties in interest, soon be at the flood. Will the L. P. & W. R. Co. take it?

The enquiry during the past three years as to what had become of the rail road has been often made, and the invariable answer has been, "It is not dead but sleepeth." If such is the fact, now is the time for it to wake up and be a doing in real earnest.

The establishment of the mill will facilitate the getting of cross ties for the road and lumber for the box cars, besides giving large employment to the Company directly the road is in running order for a short distance.

We could go into minute details as to the new venture, foreshadowing the many improvements that will be made and the numerous benefits that will crop out from the coming saw mill in sundry ways, but we prefer not doing so just at present, and content ourselves with calling the attention of those in control of the rail road venture to the unsurpassed opportunity now afforded for them to make a practical start.

PROVIDENCE FIRE COMPANY.

Providence Fire Co., at their meeting on the 6th instant passed the following Resolution: Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to memorialize the young men and citizens generally of the necessity for an increased, cheerful and strong support of the Company numerically and financially in order to increase its efficiency and usefulness in the hour of danger, whereupon the President appointed on said committee, D. L. Morgan, J. S. Guenard and Yancy Bell, with the request that the resolution and memorial be published in the Banner-Democrat.

The committee reported the following: To the young men, property holders and citizens generally of Lake Providence, the undersigned committee appointed by Providence Fire Company on the 6th instant in compliance with the company's request and in the material interest of the town generally respectfully

MEMORIALIZE

you as follows: Since the organization of Providence Fire Company with its little hand engine, twenty-years ago nearly all the original members have passed away in one direction or another, and in consequence its ranks have been seriously depleted. It is not necessary to recapitulate and tell of the devotion and self-sacrificing spirit that permeated the breasts of the "red shirt boys" year after year under the difficult and trying circumstances, how they labored with a will, early and late and cheerfully gave out of their own means time and again, until they had built an edifice which is an ornament to our town and equipped a Company that classes with its outsize as second to none.

This they done earnestly and willingly with no earthly object in view, but the public good, fluding ample compensation in a consciousness of duty well discharged as public spirited citizens.

But the most of them are gone, leaving behind a record that does credit to their manhood and is well worthy of general imitation. Their departure has depleted our ranks and thinned out our roster at roll call every month, hence we make this appeal to the young and able bodied men of our town to come forward and join

PROVIDENCE FIRE COMPANY. It is a duty which you should

cheerfully and unhesitatingly perform; aside from being in line with those who are pledged to help the distressed, the monthly social gatherings of the members afford opportunities for much pleasurable improvement that fully compensates for all the little expense and time bestowed. If you will look back twenty years and gaze at the heroic band of men that started the Company with but

TEN DOLLARS donated by a kind hearted citizen as a send off, and now see what they have left behind as a monument to their energy and determination, you cannot for a moment hesitate about having your names enrolled and falling into line.

To the old citizens, merchants and owners of property in the town and suburbs your duty is plain before you. It is to foster, support and build up the Fire Company as much as possible, and see that its efficiency and active usefulness is not in any way deteriorated, so as to disqualify it for efficient work in case of any emergency. The members of Providence Fire Company ask nothing for their devotion to your welfare, their promptitude in responding to the tap of the bell, early or late in sunshine or in storm, ever ready and willing to do their utmost in suppressing the fiery element when it breaks forth; besides they cheerfully pay in their monthly pittance to support the institution.

The committee present this plain, earnest and necessary appeal through the columns of the paper, with due respect to old and young, believing that it will be not made in vain.

D. L. MORGAN, J. S. GUENARD, YANCY BELL.

The Reverend Lawrence Guerin, accompanied by his two daughters, Miss Wretha, Miss Bessie and his son master George, reached Providence on Saturday evening last, too late to give notice for service at Grace Church the next day, but to-morrow as announced elsewhere, there will be regular service morning and evening, to which the public generally are invited to attend. Rector Guerin comes into our midst with his children from the town of L'Ange, in the distant State of Iowa, at the instance of the Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana. We bespeak for him and his family a cordial and kindly reception, which we can safely say in advance he is sure to receive, and for the rest, as far as we can learn, he will by his courteous, talent and religious demeanor soon permanently secure.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is a report of the Lake Providence white school for the month ending January 21, 1893:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Number on roll 34; average attendance 28; number neither absent nor tardy 5. Carrie Fousse, Felix Taylor, Essie Whittington, Charles Hall and Eddie Hamley.

MISS DESSIE BELL, Teacher. INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT. Number on roll 32; average attendance 23; number neither absent nor tardy, 0.

MISS NELLIE PAXTON, Teacher. GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT. Number on roll 27; average attendance 22; number neither absent nor tardy 2. Laura Morgau and Emma Bell.

We know that during the past month the weather has been very cold and disagreeable, yet through it all there has been an average daily attendance of 73; and while we are glad for an attendance that large, we hope at the close of next month to be able to publish the names of more than seven pupils who were neither absent nor tardy.

We are trying our level best to make the school interesting and profitable to all, but those who come irregular and at late hours, not only lose interest in their studies, but retard the work in the classes.

It is an unmistakable fact that the happiest children in school are those who are always there on time and who study the hardest.

Parents give us your help and we will do your children good. Yours sincerely, B. F. DUDLEY, Principal.

Prolific Corn.

I have fifty bushels of the Jeff Webster Prolific Corn for sale. This corn yields over 90 bushels per acre with ordinary cultivation. Samples can be seen at J. W. Pittman & Co's, store, where orders can be left.

J. J. ROBINSON. The three story Opera House is materializing rather slowly the people think. Those who have taken stock are becoming anxious; they want to know you know. We have been credibly informed that the charter will be published next week, and the work pushed as speedily as possible.

NOTICE.

The public are hereby notified that on and after the 15th of February of this year, payment for professional services rendered by me is due as soon as services have been rendered, persons wishing longer time for payment should make such arrangement before procuring services. Those desiring charity practice can obtain my aid free of charge. Clients in arrears will please settle their accounts. Respectfully, R. W. SEAY, M. D.

Riding and driving on the Elton levee, wearing it down and producing ruinous rats, is much complained of and should be put a stop to at once. Where are the authorities whose duty it is to attend to such serious matters?

SECOND WARD ITEMS.

"Out of the bosom of the air, Out of the cloud-beds of her garments shaken, Over the woodlands brown and bare, Over the harvest-fields forsaken, Silent and soft, and slow Descends the snow."

Don't mention it, its anything but snow now! But how happy were the hearts of our young people when on Tuesday night they closed their eyes thinking of the glad to-morrow, the snow baling, the sleighing—but the button was pressed, and you know the rest.

Mr. H. H. Graham is home again after sachying considerably around New Orleans, Greenville, Vicksburg and Memphis. We are afraid his trip didn't improve him, as he continues to tell jokes; however we console ourselves that they are not of a chocolate color.

Mr. C. B. Buckner is visiting at Saucree Terra. One and all have been instrumental in keeping Messrs. Buckner and Graham separated, as the jokes they told during the holidays are still kept green, except those that were able to stand alone.

Messrs. F. B. Constant, W. B. Keene, W. B. and Harbert Benjamin went on a camp hunt last week. Their valets said: "The young men might have killed something if they had't been afraid and sat in their tent, held their hands and sang loud enough to frighten even the little squirrels away." To think this of our Sewanee boys. O, its horrible! Even school girls would have behaved better!

Miss Nellie Montgomery spent several days with Miss Benjamin last week. While her visit was greatly enjoyed by us all, we regret that it happened on one of our off weeks in the entertainment line. She got something anyway while down here. All those with any curiosity may ask her what it was.

Miss Benjamin got up an excursion to the Mounds last Saturday, in which only two or three fell down, to the top of the largest mound, an hour or so was spent most enjoyably. But the wind did blow, and some one made an unkind remark, which didn't sound much like "I saw somebody today."

One of the Sewanee boys has been in dreamland for sometime; at least we suppose so, as he spends most of his time Doze (ing). Another has not entirely recovered from the shock he got in the Hotel Piazza. While another has learned how to make a four hours call by adding twenty more to it, by hitching his horse so it goes home and leaves him, and still another, who is too young to leave his mother. Well, we'll not tell anything on him for fear we might have to lend our handkerchief too.

Mr. S. W. Tinnen has returned. He has the sincere sympathy of the entire community in the loss of his father, which occurred about two weeks ago.

E. W. Constant, father of Mr. Constant, spent Wednesday in town. Col. Buckner, Messrs. McRae, Moore, Griffin, Barwick and Mr. Routh are also late visitors to town.

Mr. and Miss Keene spent Monday at Belle Meade. They bring with them the good news that two lovely girls are going to spend next week in this ward.

The bad weather prevented more of our young people attending the dance given by Mrs. Cherry.

Mr. W. H. McCulloch was down last Sunday. We hope he will stay long enough next time to tell us who he saw in town that day.

We simply said they were a charming family, but since knowing them better we find that they are the most charming of charming families.

LINCONNUE.

[The foregoing should have appeared last week, but it did not reach the office until Friday, after we had gone to press. Ed.]

We regret to learn that the grippe has visited the family of our quiet friend Mr. Clark N. Hall.

As Sam Lee's store is on Lake street, next door to Harrang's Tonsorial establishment, Lee Apo, the reliable and trustworthy Celestial, is his duly authorized agent. They keep fancy groceries, pecans and hazle nuts, fruit of all kinds, fresh bread and cakes from their own bakery, cabbage, potatoes and vegetable of all kinds—prices cheap, cheepee, cheepee.

TAKE NOTICE.

To all unknown owners of assessed immovable property in the parish of East Carroll, State of Louisiana: Take notice that the TAXES on the following described immovable property, situated in the parish of East Carroll, State of Louisiana, must be paid within twenty days from the publication of this notice, or the said property will be sold according to law to pay the same, with all interest, cost and penalties, to-wit:

Unknown owner—Richard Haywood last known owner. Ward No. 3—230 acres; being the S 1/4 of section sixty-one, township twenty-two, north of range twelve, east. Taxes 1889, \$19.52; taxes 1890, 19.52; taxes 1891, \$19.52; taxes 1892, \$19.68.

Unknown owner—Estate James Leddy last known owner. Ward No. 3—Lot No. 16 of block No. 11 of the town of Providence, La. Taxes 1889, \$1.65; taxes 1890, \$1.65; taxes 1891, \$1.65; taxes 1892, \$1.74.

Unknown owner—Henry Marks last known owner. Ward No. 2—80 acres; being the east half of the S E 1/4 of section twenty-five of township twenty-two, N of range ten, East. Taxes 1889, \$4.88; taxes 1890, \$4.88; taxes 1891, \$4.88; taxes 1892, \$4.92.

Unknown owner—S. T. Austin last known owner. 27 1/2 acres; being an undivided three-fourths of west 1/4 of section 28, township 23, range 12, east. Taxes 1891, \$14.68.

Unknown owner—F. B. Ernest last known owner. 40 acres; being an undivided one-half of west half of south-west quarter, section 33, township 25, range 12, east. Taxes 1892, \$2.48.

J. W. DUNN, Sheriff & Tax Collector East Carroll parish, Lake Providence, La., January 21, 1893.

J. F. RANSDELL, Former partner and stock-holder in the late J. W. Montgomery. R. K. RANSDELL, Notary Public.

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