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Local and Parish News.

Who is the next to announce? The candidates are moving about. Advertising in the newspaper pays. The game season opens up October 1st.

No rain yet, and it is still hot and dusty. Wood is bringing a good price in town.

The Police Jury meeting day is October 9th. The town lockup is now ready for occupancy.

George Smith has had a case of chills and fever. The cotton worms have been getting in their work.

Mr. Fowler's two sons have been quite sick with fever. The steamer Fargoud will soon enter the Boudet trade.

The thermometer went down to 68 on Tuesday morning. The change in the weather is good for the levee builders.

Services at the Catholic and Methodist Churches to-morrow. Shorter crop than expected a month ago, is now the talk.

Mr. Dave Gilmore continues unwell, we are very sorry to report. The eastern in the court house yard should be put in good condition.

Mr. N. Fasse of Bunch's Bend, returned Tuesday on the Leathers. It rained only a mighty few drops on Sunday. Not enough to lay the dust.

The English sparrow can be seen in droves. They are increasing rapidly. The Hon. Town Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday night next.

Quite a large crowd of colored people were baptized in the lake on Sunday last. Messrs. Barber & Kennedy have had several cases in the J. P. court this week.

Constable Hunter arrested on Saturday last a negro, supposed to be wanted for murder somewhere in Mississippi. The Leathers got about twenty bales of cotton at Purdy & Schneider's landing.

Rev. C. Mabe returned home on Tuesday morning after an absence of three weeks. There are one or two candidates for the office of matrimony hereabouts just about now.

"The can't get away club" was composed of quite a large crowd of our citizens this summer. A new lot of paper for letter heads, note heads and bill heads have been received at this office.

Remember the Democratic Executive Committee of the parish meets on the 7th of next month. Now is the time to advertise for the fall trade. The only way to do it is through the newspapers.

The new school room is progressing nicely. Messrs. Nelson & Richard will have it completed in time. McRae's imported groceries are selling. Nothing like them ever was kept in Providence before.

U. S. engineer W. S. Brown left on Wednesday evening by train to look at the levees in his district. It would take long to get 250,000 feet of lumber ready for shipment the way it is coming in from the mill.

Mr. H. K. Barwick and wife of the second ward, are now taking in the sights of the Atlanta Exposition. We hope the manager of the Opera House will be able to get a few dramatic companies to visit our town this fall.

When you are down at White's be sure and look at the artistic style in which the show window is fixed. It is a beauty. We learn one or two hunters from the North will come down next month to take a deer hunt to last two or three weeks.

We learn that Professor and Mrs. Dudley will arrive next week from Olathe, Kansas, where they have been during the summer. The family of Mr. W. B. Frost, living on Black Bayou, had a hard time of it lately with chills and fever. We hope they will soon recover.

Sidney, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Guenard, has been very ill for the past week. We hope and trust he will be spared to his parents. Mr. Harry Joyner brother of Mr. E. Walker, was in town for a few days this week. Mr. Joyner is attending school at Clinton, Miss., where he is studying for the ministry. We wish him well.

TO THE TRADE.

J. & P. Coats' Spool Cotton at 45 less 7 per cent. This price is to merchants only.

W. N. WHITE, Agr. FRESH OYSTERS, FIRST OF THE SEASON.

THE LAKE HOTEL IS NOW RECEIVING EVERY OTHER DAY FRESH BAYOU COOK OYSTERS, WHICH WILL BE SERVED IN ALL STYLES AT POPULAR PRICES. FAMILY ORDERS SOLICITED. MRS. D. O'SULLIVAN.

Mr. John R. Keller left Tuesday evening on the Leathers for New Orleans. Mr. Keller goes down to have an operation performed on his face, and his many friends hope to see him soon returned fully restored to health.

Mr. W. H. Holmes of Madison, came up on Friday evening last and remained in our town until Tuesday. He was getting acquainted with the people and telling them that he was a candidate for District Attorney.

Mr. Tom Gilliam, of Way-a-Way plantation, is the right kind of a manager. He has over one hundred head of home raised hogs that he will kill this winter. This is one plantation that will kill enough of meat to run it next year.

McRae has just received a fine lot of table syrups. Golden Drips and sugar house molasses.

The national agricultural bureau reports the cotton crop at 6,000,000 bales. Cotton is bound to go to 10 cents. Be careful and do not rush your cotton to market, without you are compelled to do so to meet your obligations.

Last August while working in the harvest field I became overheated, was suddenly attacked with cramps and was nearly dead. Mr. Cummings, the druggist, gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which completely relieved me. I now keep a bottle of the remedy handy. A. M. Bunnell, Centerville, Wash. For sale by J. S. Guenard's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Duff, living in the swamp, had the misfortune of losing their little boy, aged 2 years and six months on Wednesday evening. His remains were brought in on Thursday and laid away in the cemetery. They have the sympathy of the Banner-Democrat in their sad bereavement.

Why send off for Fancy Groceries when McRae can sell as cheap as New Orleans or St. Louis; and you can get them fresh and see what you are buying.

Maybe you can find a chance to improve the BUCKSKIN BREECHES. Just because they are the best pants made doesn't preclude a possibility of improvement. We don't know how to make them any better—don't know how to get any more goodness into them. If you can tell us we'll do it. Nothing too small for consideration if it means improvement.

We want to impress it on the minds of our merchants the importance of putting the road between Providence and Laue's Ferry in good condition for the coming fall trade. Mr. Murphy and other gentlemen of West Carroll have placed their part of the road in fine fix at their own expense, and as it will only take \$75 to put our end of the road in the same condition, we do not see the reason why the amount cannot be raised. A big trade could be done from that part of the country if the people could get here. We know that some of the crowd who come here to purchase will "skin a fleec for its tallow" and want goods sold to them for less than they can be bought in New Orleans, but that makes no difference, we should have the road.

We learn that the cotton worms riddled Mr. J. C. Pittman's crop on Blue Ridge from Saturday night to Monday morning. You can save money by buying groceries at McRae's.

Mrs. E. E. Davis, of San Miguel, says: "I am trying in a measure to repay the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the great good their remedy has done me. For years I was a constant sufferer from weak lungs and bronchial asthma. My rest at night was disturbed by a hacking cough, so that I felt miserable the greater part of the time. Many remedies recommended by my friends were tried, none of which proved suitable to my case. I did not experience any beneficial results until I began taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After two bottles of the large size have been used I am pleased to state, my health is better than it has been for years. The soreness has left my lungs and chest and I can breathe easily. It has done me so much good that I want all who are suffering from lung troubles, as I was, to give it a trial." For sale at Guenard's drug store.

The price of cotton is still going up, and the planter is happy. Services at the Catholic Church at 8:30 to-morrow morning.

McRae's is headquarters, beyond a question, for fancy groceries.

In to-day's issue will be found the announcement of Major L. K. Barber as a candidate for the State Senate, composing the parishes of Madison and East Carroll. Mr. Barber has been only a resident of our parish for the past three years, but in that short time he has become popular with the people by his gentlemanly bearing. He is eminently qualified to fill the position he seeks, being an A1 lawyer, and if elected will fill the position with honor to himself and to his constituents. Mr. Barber is for "free silver, or at least in favor of the experiment of 16 to 1, trusting in the good sense of the American people to repeal the measure if it should be found to work injury." This is his position on the silver question, and he is now before the Wholesalers.

Furniture at Wholesale Prices.

We represent the largest manufacturers of Household Furniture in the world, and sell to anybody at factory prices. All shipments direct from the Chicago factory. Our large furniture catalogue mailed to any address on receipt of 6 cents in stamps to pay postage. Our special Baby Carriage Catalogue, showing 63 new styles, mailed free. American Furniture Agency, Retail Profit Smashers Galena, Kansas.

We learn that a colored man by the name of Tom Williams, living on the Melbourne plantation, in the lower end of the parish, was shot in a very mysterious manner one day last week. The story reported to us is about as follows: That while he was out squirrel hunting, a white man road up to him and asked what he was hunting. He replied that he was hunting squirrels, and was then trying to locate one up a tree so he could get to shoot it. The stranger asked him to give him the gun and he would kill it for him, which the darkey did. As soon as the fellow got hold of the gun, he roared off a few feet and then turned and emptied both barrels into the negro, then pulled his pistol and shot him twice, and perhaps would have given him more lead, but thought that he had killed him. He then roared off, taking the gun with him. We did not hear how the wounded man got home, but he got there, and at last accounts was still alive. He says he does not know the man who shot him. People who know the colored man give him a good name, and say he is one of the best in that part of the country, honest and hard working. We hope sheriff Dunn will be able to find out who tried to commit this murder. It is said a hog ranch is located somewhere in that part of the country, and of late hogs have been disappearing in considerable numbers, and perhaps it may be some one connected with this ranch who did the shooting.

Mr. W. S. Holmes of Madison parish, announces in this issue of the Banner-Democrat as a candidate for District Attorney of the 7th Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party. We copy from the Madison Journal the following notice of his candidacy, which shows how he stands in his home parish: In this issue we present to the Democratic voters of the 7th Judicial district the name of that popular young lawyer, Mr. Wm. S. Holmes, who is an aspirant for the office of District Attorney of the above named district. Mr. Holmes is deservedly one of our most popular young men of our parish. Reared from early childhood among our citizens, he is well known to every one. Almost his entire life has been spent in this parish, where he has won friends by the score, by his many superior qualities and courteous manners. Young and energetic, he would give the duties of the office his undivided attention, and would, beyond doubt, make a capable official. Mr. Holmes has a large number of supporters, and will prove a formidable competitor. We predict for him the hearty support of his host of friends.

Its advantages for practical instruction, both in ample laboratories and abundant hospital materials are unequalled. Free access is given to the great Charity Hospital with 700 beds and 30,000 patients annually. Special instruction is given daily at the bedside of the sick. The next session begins October 17th, 1896. For catalogue and information address PROF. S. E. CHAILLE, M. D., DEAN, New Orleans, La. P. O. Drawer 261.

Mr. Russel Burney is the happiest man that we know of in these dignities about the present time. A fine boy arrived at his home on Sunday last, and Pearl will have to give up her ball and nigger shooter now.

Mrs. S. A. Kell, of Pomona, Cal., had the bad luck to sprain her ankle. "I tried several treatments," she says, "but was not cured until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. That remedy cured me and I take pleasure in recommending it and testifying to its efficacy." This medicine is also of great value for rheumatism, lame back, pains in the chest, pleurisy and all deep-seated and muscular pains. For sale by J. S. Guenard.

READ AND CARRY THE NEWS TO MARY!!!

Just Arrived at McRae's.

SCOTCH DRIED PEAS, CATTALINE, PICKLED TRIPE, PIGS FEET, SOUR KROUT, CRYSTAL SAULT, FRESH NEW BUCKWHEAT, TAYLOR'S ASSORTED PRESERVES IN WOOD AND GLASS, CELERY SAUCE AND SALT, MAYONNISE SAUCE, MAPLE SYRUP, PINE APPLE CHEESE, RALENAPS (if you don't know what they are come and see.) IMPORTED AND STAPLE GOODS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. A CALL WILL CONVINCED YOU MY STOCK IS COMPLETE, AND DOWN TO BED ROCK.

WINE, WINE, WINE.

Choice Brandy, Munn's Champagne, Benedictine, Mereschino, Absent, Rhine Wines, Claret, Champagne Cider, Budweiser Beer, Dombush Keg Beer ice cold, TWENTY YEAR Old Whiskey, best in town, El Belmont and La Belle Creole Cigars.

THE BLANK COLUMN.

It was last Wednesday, one of the hottest days we have had this year. Soft and fair lay the dust five feet deep in the middle of the road. By way of diversion, I took a walk. On passing the B.-D. office I called in the window, "Will have the article by 12 o'clock," then went on my way rejoicing in the filmy cloud of dust just raised by a team. When returning at one o'clock I again passed the office and said, "Am sorry, but haven't written the article, its too hot." The publisher looked dismayed. "But what am I to do? I have left for you a blank column and now its too late for me to fill it," he said. At this I promised to "make up" something and went home.

"I have left for you a blank column." What a fine text it is! A blank column, one in which you may write whatever you will, whether it be of good or evil import; a blank column on which you may inscribe words soothing and strengthening, or words sarcastic and cruel, but on which you must write something. I thought of the white sheet lying there, and the truth that "we are always and ever our own judges," came to me with a force it has never had before.

The column is blank. It is indifferent and negative; only ready to receive, not actively to affect. You alone are the responsible party, but the thoughts put on this clean sheet will be always a plea for or against you. "What is writ, is writ," and time and eternity cannot efface the careless words. I thought of that, and then I thought of how a few times in life there lies before us a blank column; a new sheet, on which we can inscribe whatsoever we will. For the most part of our childhood, our duties, our pleasures, our aims, are more or less prescribed for us; and so the leaves of childhood bear marks of other hands rather than our own. However, after this, there soon comes a time when there lies before us a page white and clear, and on it we can inscribe the characters we will.

The first of such pages in a woman's life is turned on her graduation day. After the diploma has been given her, she leaves the alma mater with a tender appreciation for all the days and nights of eager study, and for all the assistance, intellectual and spiritual which she has received. In some dim way, she knows when the doors of the dear school close upon her, they shut out forever the soft, rich gloom of the life lived in the records of the past. She knows she leaves behind her forever the life devoted altogether to self-development. She knows this, and a great tenderness comes into her heart when she thinks of some one friend, some teacher, most probably, whom she remembers to have ever strengthened, ever comforted, ever guarded her.

At the same time her heart beats high with the feeling, that in a little while she will enter the great world, the real world; that there she will see materialized the beautiful dreams that have been drifting through her mind, all during the school days, the dreams of helpfulness and nobility and sympathy. And then, in truth, what a glorious thing it proves to be, this first outlook into the great world! The thrill of congenial companionship; the assurance that men and women are really noble albeit their faults are numberless; the assurance that the race of men and women with fire-touched hearts of eloquence and martyr power of endurance, is not a mythological race. What a joy it is to the young girl graduate when she sees lying fair before her, the unsullied column of womanhood!

Again, there comes such a joy as this, only infinitely more deep and prayerful into the heart of the bride, as she kneels, white robed at the marriage altar and sees, stretching before her to the grave the blanched column of wedded life. And then the same consecrated feeling touches deep, albeit silently the heart of the woman who first enters upon some great life work. May be it, she trembles slightly when remembering how, on those other pages, she made so many wenny, faltering characters, and dreadful, dreadful blots; may be it she longs to "erase out" the written tablet of the brain, and feels words ere yet the struggle has begun; nevertheless there is a real hope left. Who knows but from her very mistakes and failures she may not draw the strength which teaches her. "Do not depend too much on your own powers. You are pitifully weak; though you may not think it. But there is one stronger than might else in the vast universe; depend upon Him, for He has promised "He will give His angels charge concerning thee, lest at any time thou shouldst dash thy foot against a stone."

The woman that for the first time begins any work, whether it be of newspaper writing, of stenography, of teaching, of bookkeeping or what not, has before her a new column.

Again, the little text suggested, suppose instead of writing on my own column, I should get the B.-D. and scribble all over the rest of the paper. The thought is laughably silly, and yet, in this world people are trying that game every day.

Not my own column! That is too narrow and short, it doesn't afford enough scope. But that other person's column, how fine and broad it looks. Then commences the fun! Scribble, scribble, scribble, on somebody else's column! Meddle, meddle, meddle in somebody else's work, and leave all unfinished and even unattempted your own proper duty.

And now I have finished, but alas! with the lingering suspicion that this is still—a Blank Column.

Fresh Bayou Cooke oyster's at O'Sullivan's.

Mr. Robt. Nicholson, the large levee contractor, was up from below on Friday evening of last week. He says he is progressing nicely with his contracts.

Mr. J. P. Alexander, who was for a number of years a resident of East Carroll, was a passenger on the Leathers Tuesday for his home at Harwood Island, Ark.

Judge F. F. Montgomery went down to Tallulah on Wednesday evening to be present at the meeting of the Parish Executive Committee, which was held yesterday.

Mr. Peter Matheson was married on Wednesday evening without telling anything about it to the boys. He says he is as happy as a "big sun flower." Here's luck.

Miss May Beard, one of Lake Providence's most charming young ladies, is visiting Mrs. A. G. Chaffo.—Webster signal.

Notice.

Quarters Co. C, 1st Batt. Inf. L. S. N. G. Lake Providence, La., Sept. 15, 1896. Order No. 2.—I am directed by Gen. T. A. Farley, Inspector General of the State, to order all officers in the parish, who have in their possession tents belonging to the L. S. N. G. to deliver the same at the armory of this command without delay, where they will be receipted for. B. N. REA, Capt. Comd'g.

Notice.

The members of the Democratic Executive Committee for the parish of East Carroll are requested to meet in the town of Lake Providence on Friday, the 7th day of October, 1896, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of determining the time and manner of holding the parish primaries. All candidates who desire to submit to primary nominations are requested to meet the committee on that day. JAMES BEARD, Chairman Committee, Providence, La., Sept. 14, 1896.

Succession Sale.

State of Louisiana, Parish of East Carroll. Succession of C. F. Hall, Seventh District Court No.—By virtue of a writ of sale to me directed by the Honorable Seventh District Court for the parish of East Carroll aforesaid, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the door of the Court House in the Town of Providence, East Carroll Parish, La., on Wednesday the 23rd day of October, 1896, between the hours prescribed by law, all the right, title and interest of said Succession in and to the following described property, to-wit: 1—Half tract being S W 1/4 of Sec 14, T. 20, R. 1 E. 10 N. 24-100 acres. 2—The undivided 25 of the Ass B. Force Tract, composed of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7, S of Sec. 22; S 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec. 22; N W 1/4 Sec. 22 and Lot 5 of Sec. 28. All in T. 20, R. 1 E. containing in tract 301 34-100 acres. 3—Residence and Lots measuring 100 by 300 feet in Foutbourg Arlington of the Town of Providence purchased by C. F. Hall of Mrs. A. E. Wilson as per deed recorded in Notarial Book "E" 117, page 218 and 219 of the records of said parish. Terms of Sale—Cash, or by note payable to the Succession of C. F. Hall, at 10% interest. J. W. DENN, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Providence, La., Sept. 21st 1896-21.

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