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Local and Parish News.

A Merry Christmas to you.

The river is falling at this point.

Cotton seed has gone to \$9.00.

Trade has been good this week.

Ye Christmas turkey is in demand.

Stores on Levee street are at a premium.

Candies in wagon load lots, at Guenard's.

Business was never better in Providence.

Less cotton next year—and higher prices.

Mr. W. B. Keene was a visitor to town on Tuesday.

How the advertising merchants are doing the business.

Be sure to drop in at McRae's for your Christmas things.

Services at the Methodist and Episcopal Churches to-morrow.

The dust this week has been as plentiful as in the middle of summer.

The bicycle club of Providence was out for a spin on Tuesday evening.

The choir of the Episcopal Church is practicing for Christmas services.

Will Dunn was in town on Sunday, returning in the evening to his ranch.

Mr. John Q. Ikard had the misfortune to break his arm on Friday last.

The store keepers and clerks have had all they could say grace over this week.

Christmas goods at such rare bargains at McRae's is attracting the crowd.

Against the town ordinances to shoot your fire works within the corporate limits.

The Catholic choir is practicing for Christmas and some beautiful music will be heard.

The night marshal caught him a coon on Saturday night, and got a dollar for the job.

About half a dozen wagons with turkeys and chickens from the Hills were in town this week.

Charley Whittington's livery stable has turned out to be a blacksmith shop, just as we expected.

J. W. Pittman has purchased several bales of cotton this week. His cotton yard is opposite our office.

The Building Association is getting more and more popular, because it is the friend of the poor man.

More furniture and stoves have been sold to the colored people this season than ever was known before.

To-day we will call on every person who owes us for subscription and job work. Please do not put us off.

Mr. C. A. Voelker came in from the Bend on Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Knights of Pythias.

Excuse the appearance of our paper for the next few weeks. We are going to take a little Christmas in ours.

The two sons of our popular parish-over Col. W. H. Benjamin, are home from Sewanee to spend the holidays.

Mr. Bud Stein went down as far as Vicksburg on the Leathers Tuesday night. He returned yesterday morning.

Il. T. Mitchell of Greenville, Miss., succeeds the late J. A. Harris as principal of the colored public school of Providence.

Brackhouse, the butcher, is going to give the crack shots some sport on Tuesday next. Read his notice in another column.

Mr. O'Neil is a fine sign painter, and is ready to do all kinds of sign painting. Give him your work, his prices are reasonable.

Father Mabe left this morning for Milliken's Bend. He will be back on Tuesday morning in time for the Christmas celebration.

Go to White's and select a serviceable Christmas present. You can get them in glass. Go and look at the beautiful sets in crockery.

On Christmas day the services at the Catholic Church will be at 7 and 10:30 in the morning. The church will be prettily decorated.

No man should refuse to support the nominee of his party, because of the defeat of his preference. He is a poor democrat who will do it.

Bud Stein wishes us to say that as soon as he gets his debts straightened out, he may go to Florida in the sweet by-and-by, but not at present.

It will only be a few weeks when some of the cotton packets will go to bank. We will bet the Leathers will be the boat to stay with the people.

On account of the wind on Thursday the telegraph line is down, and we have to go to press without any news from the Shreveport Convention.

It is against the laws of the town to shoot off fireworks. Marshal Blount is going to strictly enforce this ordinance. Be careful and don't get run in.

TO THE TRADE.

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

W. N. WHITE, AGT.

The Banner-Democrat will offer a chromo to the street and bridge committee for fixing the foot-bridge next to Mrs. McKee's residence. Hurry up and get it gentlemen, we have a fine collection of them.

Col. Quays, of the Bend, didn't forget the B-D. On Tuesday he brought us in a fine gobble for our Christmas dinner, for which we return thanks, and we hope that he will live to present many more. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

The children's services at the Episcopal Church at 7:00 o'clock p. m. on Christmas eve will be very pretty. In the service about forty-five views from the Masters will be shown. There will also be services on Christmas morning at 10:30.

The trade from West Carroll this week has been the largest for years. We saw four teams driven by colored men, and the wagons were filled—bedsteads, stoves, flour and dry goods in large quantities, which shows that that part of the country is prosperous.

Part of Aschaffenburg & Nicholson's levee outfit passed through town on Wednesday for the upper part of Bunch's Bend. By Monday they expect to have their full force on the ground, and will try to rush the contract through as quick as possible.

Captain V. M. Purdy is always to the front when it comes to public enterprise. He told us that if a bank was started in Providence he would give the four lots that he owns at the corner of Lake & Scarborough streets and take stock for them. It would be the prettiest sight in town for a bank.

Mr. Lindmore Brown raised a disturbance on the streets Tuesday evening and resisted arrest, for which Mayor Hamley fined him \$25 and costs or thirty days in jail. Marshal Blount took a great deal from Mr. Brown, and should have placed him in jail before he did. Mr. Brown deserved what he got.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and La Grippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day. Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25 cents. For sale at Guenard's Drug Store.

Mr. McRae is offering the prettiest line of Christmas goods to the trade than was ever brought to town. His prices are down to the bottom rail, and to-day and up to Christmas eve he is going to almost give things away. Go to-day and make your purchases, and avoid the rush; besides the pick of everything will be there.

The choir of the Catholic Church always make it a point to have fine music for Christmas, and this year will be no exception to the rule. They have quietly rehearsed their Christmas music, and will be ready to render next Wednesday the finest music in the town. We sincerely hope to hear the fine voice of our friend, Mr. Xav Ransdell, on the occasion.

White and McRae are doing most of the business simply because they advertise; merchants who do business like their grandfathers did fifty years ago, would not believe it when we told them to advertise, but they gradually came to think we were right when they see customers passing their stores to go to the up-to-the-times merchants, W. N. White and W. C. McRae.

Mr. Blanche, from St. Joseph, La., came up on Tuesday to look at the plant of the Providence Lumber Co., and left for his home that evening. He said to us that he had seen many mills and was in the business himself, but that the Providence mill was the most perfect and the best one that he had seen in the State. We understand he did some business with the Providence Lumber Company.

Mr. Wm. Green, in charge of the Schudder levee outfit, passed through town on Sunday morning last on his way to Donna Vista, where he has commenced enlarging the levee. Mr. Gano Cunningham has charge of the teams, and is considered one of the best all round levee men on the river. We were glad to see Gano, and learn that he has worked himself up to a place of such responsibility.

A. E. Kilpatrick, of Fillmore, Cal., had the misfortune to have his leg caught between a cart and a stone and badly bruised. Ordinarily he would have been laid up for two or three weeks, but says: "After using one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm I began to feel better, and in three days was entirely well. The peculiar soothing qualities which Chamberlain's Pain Balm possesses I have never noticed in any other liniment. I take pleasure in recommending it." This liniment is also of great value for rheumatism and lame back. For sale by J. S. Guenard.

DINNER TO-MORROW.

Gumbo Fillet.
Turkey with Cranberry Sauce,
Macaroni. Rice.
Potatoes. Cold slaw.
Celery. Olives.
Potato salad.
Plum Pudding. Cakes. Fruits.
Coffee.

ALL TO BE HAD AT McRAE'S.

In company with the hustling insurance agent, Mr. Hugh Montgomery, we went over to Floyd on Saturday last. We went over to collect a few subscriptions and Hugh to talk insurance, which he did to the Queen's taste. We met several friends while in Floyd, among them Mr. Goza McWilliams and Mr. W. H. Buchanan and Mr. W. A. Hedrick, who has been clerk of the court since West Carroll has been a parish.

Since our last visit over to Floyd two or three new stores have been erected. Godfrey Bros. have a large two story building, just finished, the first story being filled with dry goods, notions groceries &c., while in the upper story they have a nice line of furniture. W. J. J. Ross has a very pretty store and carries a large stock of general merchandise. Mr. Pinkson also has a fine store, which is packed with goods. Redmond & Buchanan, the oldest mercantile house in West Carroll, seemed to be doing a large trade; the business is conducted by two nephews of Mr. Buchanan, who are popular young men.

From what we could learn, Floyd is improving, and in the past two years it has settled down to a quiet little town.

The popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the high esteem in which it is held leads us to believe it to be an article of great worth and merit. We have the pleasure of giving the experience of three prominent citizens of Redondo Beach, Cal., in the use of the remedy. Mr. A. T. Trudell says: "I have always received prompt relief when I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." Mr. James Orchard says: "I am satisfied that Chamberlain's Cough remedy cured my cold." Mr. J. Hatcher says: "For three years I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family and its results have always been satisfactory." For sale by J. S. Guenard.

The peddlers, who make trips to West Carroll, but who make Providence their headquarters and board at Hotel de O'Sullivan, got into a little scrimmage on Sunday last. One called the other a "d—n tief," and the other let fly his John L., taking him under the chin, which floored him. They tried to keep the little circus among themselves, thinking they could beat the town out of that which she had justly earned, but they were fooled. It leaked out, and the mayor got five and costs out of each one of them.

The steamer City of Savannah, owned by the Messrs. Cummins, has built up a fine trade between Memphis and Vicksburg, and we learn that a large number of our merchants who bought goods in Vicksburg and who preferred Vicksburg, now send their orders to Memphis, because the Vicksburg merchants would not ship their freight as instructed, thereby losing the trade. The Cummins are deserving gentlemen, and it will only be a few years when they will control the entire trade between Vicksburg and Greenville.

We believe it is foolishness for the planter to take \$9 per ton for his cotton seed, the price now being paid. Three months ago agents told the cotton growers that \$5.00 would be the price and that they would not advance. They did advance—from \$5.00 to \$6.00, and then to \$7.00, and now to \$9.00; and if the planters will only hold on to their cotton seed, we believe they will advance another \$2.00 in the next thirty days. There is a scarcity of seed, and the mills know it, and they are bound to have them to crush at any price.

Dr. A. J. Stewart left on Tuesday night after remaining in Providence for the past two months. The Doctor informed us that he intended locating in Longview, Texas, and would go there on the first of the year. He told us that he would make us one or two visits a year, and that we could look for him sometime during the summer. He made many friends in our town by his gentlemanly bearing, and all wish him success.

It is with pleasure that we announce to the public that Rev. Mr. Kuickerbocker has been returned to this charge and will be with us for another year. Our Methodist friends should congratulate themselves upon having this able divine in charge of their church for another twelve months.

If the seams of the BUCKSKIN BREECHES were the kind that rip, while the buttons were poorly fastened, and always coming off, we wouldn't say they were good pants. As it is, each detail is perfect. The seams, buttons, pockets and fit are all the best. They are the best pants we know how to make.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,
-Useful and Substantial-
.....S E E.....
— DISPLAY —
.....I N.....
Show Windows
.....A T T H E.....
BIG STORE.
W. N. WHITE, Agt.

Mr. E. E. Roby, of Morgan City, the gentleman who had written that he would be here on Tuesday last to see about starting a bank in Providence, telegraphed last Monday that owing to the rush of business it was impossible to leave his bank, as this was Christmas week it would be an extremely busy one. Mr. Roby is the cashier of the Bank of Morgan City and most of the business is transacted through him. He telegraphed that he wrote at the same time, but we have not as yet received his letter, and presume that it was in Tuesday's mail, that up to the present writing had not been received, and was side-tracked somewhere on the road. We hope that in the near future Mr. Roby will find time to pay his intended visit to our town.

The East Carroll delegation left for Shreveport on Sunday evening last to be on hand early, so they could manipulate the workings of the convention.

Mrs. Lucien Wood, of St. Paul, Minn., arrived from her Northern home last week to spend the holidays with the family of Judge Field Montgomery.

Marshal Blount shows no preference when it comes to making an arrest. This is as it should be; treat all alike who violate the town ordinances and the B-D. is with you.

Mr. Jim White is behind the counter at Mr. T. J. Powell's store. Mr. White is one of the best clerks in the parish, and in years gone by he used to control a large trade.

We learn that Mr. H. K. Barwick will take charge of the Constant & Benjamin store in the second ward. Mr. Barwick is considered one of the finest business men in our parish.

It was reported to us on Monday that the gin on the Robertdale plantation in Bunch's Bend, had burned on Friday of last week. We have not learned the cause of the fire.

Christmas services will be held at the Catholic and Episcopal Churches. As every place of business in town will be closed on that day, every person should attend divine worship.

Only one member of the East Carroll delegation to Shreveport was admitted on the floor of the convention for the want of room—the others had to go up in the peanut gallery.

As the year draws to a close, we take this method in returning thanks to our friends for the patronage extended to us, and wishing all a Merry Christmas and good health for 1896.

Mr. F. X. Ransdell arrived Tuesday morning from Chattanooga, and will spend the holidays with his brother, Hon. J. E. Ransdell. This is Xav's first visit to his old home in sometime, and his many friends were glad to see him.

That bridge in front of Mr. R. J. Walker's residence has been in a dangerous condition for several months, and we have called the attention of the Street and Bridge Committee to it several times, but they pay no attention to it. It will only take a few minutes to repair it.

Our Prospective Bank.

The financial statement of the Bank of Donaldsonville for the quarter ending December 7, 1895, appears in to-day's issue and shows that there has been no cessation of the onward and upward movement this institution has steadily pursued from the date of its opening. In three and one-half years it has accumulated a surplus of \$12,500 or one-half the amount of its capital stock, besides paying fair dividends to the stockholders; and the deposits exceed \$100,000 nearly all the year round, at times going far above that sum. The board of directors met last Saturday and declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., and found the books and affairs of the bank in a condition highly satisfactory to all concerned and creditable to the skillful and faithful management to President McGalliard, Cashier Park and their capable assistants.—Donaldsonville Chief.

Why should not a bank succeed as well here as one in Donaldsonville? Donaldsonville is near the city, and the great banks of New Orleans interfere very much with the business of the local bank; if we had a bank here we would have nothing of the kind to interfere with it, and it would be bound to succeed.

The cadets at the State University have organized a Glee, Maudlin and Guitar Club and will make a tour of the neighboring towns and cities of this State and Mississippi during the holidays. The boys have been practicing up for some time and will make a most creditable showing when they start out. We understand that the route will be by Natchez, Vicksburg, Monroe, Ruston, Arcadia, Shreveport, Natchitoches, Opelousas, New Iberia, Lake Charles, and possibly several other places. The success with which the Vanderbilt and Tulane Clubs met inspired our boys with a desire for new worlds to conquer, and hence this move which will undoubtedly meet with the unvarying success which has always attended their efforts.—Baton Rouge Advocate.

Money spent with a miser is like wasting fertilizer on a rock instead of putting it on good soil that will enrich the world. Then watch your local papers and trade with the liberal advertiser. It will pay you every time.—Lake Charles Echo.

Turkey Shooting.

On Tuesday next, the 24th, there will be Turkey Shooting in the willows, near the lake, at 25 cents a shot. There will be 15 fine turkeys to shoot for. Everybody come. Brackston House.

For Sale.

Five hundred bales choice Bermuda grass hay, at \$10 per ton. Red Jersey Berkshire Pigs and Southdown Sheep of the purest strains.

GEO. S. OWEN, Agt.
Buck Meadow Plantation.
Dec. 21, '95-1f.

Notice.

Strayed or stolen from the rack at Lake Providence, La., on Tuesday, the 29th of November, 1895, one Black Mare Mule, about eight years old, 15 or 16 hands high; one ear cropped. Any information leading to the recovery of any one returning same to me at Atherton store, will be liberally rewarded.

MRS. DELILAH CONN.
Dec. 21, '95-1m.

Messrs. W. S. Brown, J. S. Guenard, C. F. Davis and T. S. Delany left for the Shreveport Convention on Sunday evening, and no doubt were the first on hand. They went down to Tallulah by team, and left on the Monday's train.

Christmas Drug Store.
Just in at the
Candies.
The First Line Ever
Bottled in the town of Providence.
Mr. Guenard invites you to call and examine his Christmas Goods.

Mr. Geo. S. Owen of Buckmeadow plantation, has a notice in this issue announcing that he has for sale choice Bermuda hay at \$10 per ton, pure Red Jersey Berkshire pigs and Southdown sheep.

Geo. W. Jenkins, editor of the Santa Maria "Times," Cal., in speaking of the various ailments of children said: "When my children have croup there is only one patent medicine that I ever use, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It possesses some medicinal properties that relieve the little sufferers immediately. It is, in my opinion, the best cough medicine in the market." If this remedy is freely given as soon as the croupy cough appears it will prevent the attack. It is also an ideal remedy for whooping cough. There is no danger in giving it to children, as it contains nothing injurious. For sale by J. S. Guenard.

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For Helena, Greenville, Lake Providence, Vicksburg, and All Way Landings—
The Swift and Elegant Steamer

CITY OF SAVANNAH.
In Place of Bald Eagle.
A. L. CUMMINS, L. P. CUMMINS,
Master, Clerk.
Leaves every Wednesday at 5 p. m.
Passing Lake Providence on Friday noon going down and passing Saturday evening going up. Passage from Providence to Vicksburg \$2; round trip only \$3.

MATHESON'S LANDING.
I wish to notify the public generally that I have re-opened my Landing adjoining Purdy & Schneider, where I will do a general Receiving and Forwarding business. I will have a competent man in charge who will be there to deliver goods at all hours. My rates are in keeping with times and are as follows:
All kinds of machinery, 5 per cent.
on freight bill.....
Wagons, Carriages, &c..... 25
Horses, Mules and Oxen, 5 per cent
on freight bill.....
Lumber and Brick, 5 per cent on
freight bill.....
Furniture, 10 per cent on freight bill
Hogsheads and crates, each..... 15
Pianos and organs, each..... 50
Corn, oats bran &c., per sack..... .05
All groceries, per pkg..... .05
Dry goods, boots and shoes..... .40
Barrels..... .45
Half barrels all kinds..... .45
Flour and meal per sack, barrel..... .55
Iron cotton ties..... .20
Cotton per bale..... .30
Single packages of any kind..... .05
Liberal discount on above prices in large lots. Consign freight care Matheson's Ldg., Lake Providence, La.
PETER MATHESON.

\$100 worth of Economy—
The Columbia Bicycle....
THE best is ever the cheapest. Maybe the first cost of the peerless Columbia will be a few dollars more than the price of the bicycle said to be "just as good." What if it is? You will have few or no repairs with a Columbia—built just as it should be—and your content in the possession of this unequalled machine will be worth all of its cost.
Be Wise in Your Saving
If you must have a low-priced machine, buy the superb HARTFORD, \$30 \$50; \$50 for boys' and girls' sizes.

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J. S. GUENARD, Proprietor.
A General Assortment of Pure Fresh Drugs Always on Hand
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Toilet and Fancy Articles. Pure Candies.
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