

# The Rice Belt Journal.

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## PERSONALS.

Miss Anna Unkel has gone to Lake Charles to assume the duties of book-keeper for the Lake Charles Carriage and Implement Co.

Albert Dudley has accepted the position of porter in the depot at this place.

Miss Eva Hebert spent last week among relatives in the Piney Woods.

Rev. E. L. Wells filled an appointment at the M. E. church Sunday night.

Bob Craig spent Sunday in Jennings.

Paul Sloane was over from Lake Charles to attend the Hebert-Hebert wedding.

Miss Emma Fulton returned home after a weeks stay among friends in Jennings.

Mrs. H. A. Davidson was shopping in Jennings between trains Monday.

Al and Baxter Mills of Fenton spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Welsh.

Rev. C. W. Campbell of Crowley, preached to a large and appreciative congregation last Monday night.

Rev. A. Wilkinson of Lake Charles, our M. E. pastor, is suffering with a severe cold.

Mr. Pickett spent Sunday with his family at Iowa.

Al McMillan spent Sunday with his wife and babies at Roanoke.

Mrs. F. L. Lewis returned from Crowley last week where she has been visiting her son.

C. A. Saxby was a pleasant caller at The Journal office last Monday.

Mrs. M. and Miss Alida Guidry and Miss Caroline Chasson visited Mrs. N. C. Davis last Sunday.

Mr. Bert Irons was up from the Robinson plant Sunday.

Albert Gravell and Calvert DesJardins transacted business in our city last Monday.

Albert Lognon was a guest of the Journal last Monday.

Ed. McCormick, of The Lake Charles Press, spent Sunday in our city.

George Gravell accompanied by his sister, Miss Lucy, visited our town last Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. Sicane and granddaughter, who have returned from Lake Charles, where they have been visiting relatives.

Miss Belle Singleton, one of the most accomplished young ladies in Welsh, has accepted a position as clerk in the post office.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. H. F. Day, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Miss Nellie Moore is staying for a few weeks with Mrs. H. F. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAffery returned home from Lake Charles Friday.

Mrs. Hall returned home from Iowa Friday, where she has been visiting relatives.

H. A. Day left Sunday evening for the Robinson plant where he has a position as chief engineer.

Mr. S. G. Babcock called on The Journal last Tuesday.

Mr. Austin Welsh, formerly of this city, has accepted the position of printer on The Journal.

Mrs. Wm. Martin returned from Crowley Monday, where she has been visiting.

Mr. Lionel Bertrand was over from Jennings Sunday.

Rev. J. G. Campbell of Lake Charles arrived in our town last Thursday, to take part in the protracted meeting being held here.

## Lacassine Mourns.

The following letter was handed to us with a request to publish and we comply with pleasure.

"Brother Paradis came among us about eight years ago and preached to us of God's love to fallen man; as time and opportunity has presented he has visited us frequently since, ever evincing interesting energy and zeal to work for the master. His visits to us have been only of pleasantness, and instruction thankfully received, his genial greetings have cheered us, and his declarations of God's love and mercy have encouraged us to increased faith, hope and love.

We feel that in his death we experience a loss irreparable and for which, in sorrow, we humbly bow in submission to this dispensation of all wise providence.

The writer being a personal and intimate friend knoweth of his untiring devotion, his manly christian character, his noble generous impulses, and his frank and wholesome interest in the spiritual welfare of those to whom he ministered, we cherish his memory as a precious legacy.

His spirit has taken its flight and now dwells with the just made perfect."  
G. W. A.

Lacassine, La. July 29, 1900.

Make yourself solid for a years good reading by ordering the Journal sent to your address.

## ALL

### ITEMS WORTH HAVING AND FOUND IN THE JOURNAL.

#### Your Mind is Relieved And Memory Refreshed.

Claphy Lognon went to Jennings last Tuesday and signed a contract with P. J. Unkel to run a canal through his land and irrigate his rice farm next year.

The bottom is out of the twine market. I have bought a car load of new McCormick Twine and can quote low prices. Reserve your orders until you get my price. F. L. Lewis.

Our business is in somewhat of a tangle and we are having considerable difficulty in getting it straightened out. The reason we refer to ourselves as we, us and ours so much this week is because we want the patrons of our belated paper to get the impression that we are too many to lick.

One bill that passed the Louisiana legislature which escaped general attention was an act prohibiting the sale, barter, or exchange of tobacco, cigarettes, or cigarette paper to minors. Such sale is made a misdemeanor and subjects the merchant to a fine of from \$25 to \$100 or 60 days imprisonment, or both.—Opelousas Courier.

The newspaper best suited to your wants is The New Orleans Picayune. It has all the war, political and general news of each day, and its Market Reports are strictly impartial and trustworthy. Daily Edition, \$3 for 3 months. Twice-a-Week Edition (issued Mondays and Thursdays), \$1 a year. Give The Picayune a trial.

We had occasion to visit Lacassine last week, and to say we had a good time does not half express it. We left there more thoroughly convinced of a fact we already knew; that Lacassine has the prettiest girls, the nicest young men and the most hospitable older ones to be found anywhere. Everywhere we went we were asked to come back again, and if you have got a lot of money you want to risk on a sure thing, and don't want to give it to The Journal, you can bet it all, dollars to doughnuts, that we will do it.

Wanted—ten thousand men, women and children to know that Martin Bros. will sell them the best shoe in the world—the celebrated and unequalled *Mountain Brown shoe*.

While visiting on the Hayes pasture last week we had occasion to stop at the home of Mr. Toliver Hayes and while there we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Weber, the well man, of the Andrews Artesian Well Co. Mr. Weber informed us that he was putting down a well for Mr. Hayes that will insure Mr. Hayes an abundant supply of good water. Weber is all right and so are his wells.

We have been a little bit slow this week, because we can not keep from looking out of the window and longing for money enough to buy a house so we can hire Renfro and Hall to paint it just like the masonic hall.

There will be preaching tonight at the M. E. Church. Subject: Confession and Pardon, or Forgiveness. The Presiding Elder will preach on Sunday morning and at night. At 11 a. m. there will be an exposition of the 23rd Psalm. Subject at 8 p. m.: God our Mother. All are cordially invited.

## THE NEW INDIAN.

Statistics Show That He Is Fast Entering the Paths of Civilization.

That the Indian is leaving his native trail for the "white man's path" is well evidenced by statistics gathered from the annual reports of the United States Indian agents, says Youth's Companion. A greatly increasing number of Indians on the reservations, or what have lately been reservations, can read. Nearly a hundred thousand of them have completely adopted the white man's dress. Almost all of them have discarded the original dress of the people of their tribes.

Eleven hundred dwelling houses were built by Indians last year, and the Indians on the reservations now possess more than 25,000 dwelling houses. They are, as a rule, no longer nomadic, no longer dwellers in wigwams. Externally, at least, they are rapidly adopting the ways of civilization.

Are they at the same time "becoming civilized" in the true sense? It is not possible to answer yes with confidence. They are learning to read, to live in houses, and to wear white men's clothes; yet unfortunately, in some cases at least, the vices of civilization seem likely to overpower some of the native virtues of the race. On some reservations intemperance has increased almost exactly in proportion to the disappearance of the characteristics of the aboriginal red man.

To civilize means to endow with the proper qualities of a citizen; and so far as the reading and house-dwelling Indian lacks these qualities, his transformation into the outward semblance of a white man fails in its chief purpose. The duty of the white people toward the Indian is far from being ended with imposing upon him the superficial marks of their civilization.

There is no harm in a man being in advance of his age providing he has money enough to live on until his age catches up with him.

## Champion Growlers.

It would be a good plan to have the fault-finding of the world done by delegation or by committee. Take the most powerful "bear" out of Wall Street and let him do the croaking for all the brokers. Take some ecclesiastic, who had swallowed his religion crosswise and got it strangely fast in his wind-pipe, to hunt down all the heresy, real or fancied. Get some one newspaper to do all the work of mauling reputations, exposing domestic infidelities, and reporting divorce cases. Let one female "gadabout," gathering all the gossip, put it up in bottles properly labeled and peddle it about from house to house in small vials for those who could stand only a little, or in large bottles, as it may be required. Let her be known as the champion of tittle-tattle. So men and women might delegate to one or more the disagreeables of the world. And, as at different times America and England have disputed with each other for supremacy with yacht, and bat, and rifle, let the champion American growler go forth to dispute with the champion English growler for the belt of the world. Let the day be chosen for the contest be a cominging of Scotch mist and English cloudiness and American dizzle. Let them go at each other with threats and annoyances and recriminations. Let all fault-finders the world over stand round the ring, watching the fate of the two nations. The Englishman might draw the first blood, "at the American will prove a full match for him at last. The struggle may be long and fearful, and the excitement surpass that of Creedmoor shooting and Ascot and Derby races, but I think neither would gain the victory. Indeed, I would like to see them both go down together in contest and both slain. Then would perish from the earth the bickerings and the suspicions, the snarlings and the backbitings of the world.

Bury the two champions in the same grave, their clubs with them, covering them up with a bank of nettles. Read for their funeral service the report of the stock market just after some great failure. Plant at the head of it a little nightshade, and at the foot of it a little nux vomica. For epitaph: "Here lies complaint and hypercriticism. Born in the year 1; died in the year 1900. May the resurrection trumpet, that blows others up into the light, blow these miscreants deeper down into oblivion.—Christian Herald.

Paint, Wall Paper and Paper, is what Renfro & Hall have in stock, and they know just how to put it on. Hall is not only a fine house and scenic painter, but an artistic designer and decorator.

## QUICK MEAL RESTAURANT.

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Meals at all hours. Table furnished with every thing the market affords. Service first-class.

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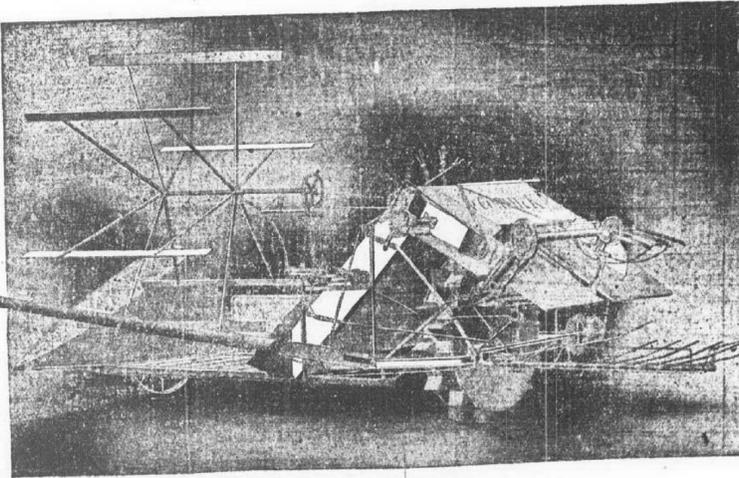
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### FARM IMPLEMENTS.

### OLD HICKORY AND STUDEBAKER

WAGONS.

F. L. LEWIS PROPRIETOR.

## MANTUA MAKING.

Miss A. E. Plumb, of Buffalo, New York, a thorough Dress Maker of twelve years experience, announces to the ladies of Welsh and vicinity that she has opened up a Dress-Making Establishment at her home in Adams street, one door south of the Journal office. Work done in the latest styles and up-to-date fashions.

## J. D. KIMBALL

The Blacksmith.

Announces to the public that he is still doing business at the same old stand, on South Adams street. Call and see him for all kinds of repair work.

## JOHN H. COOPER, M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Medical Examiner New York Life, Mutual Life of New York, Fidelity Mutual and Washington Life Insurance Companies. President Board of Health and Health Officer of Welsh, La.

## Railroad

## Avenue

## Saloon.

R. L. CRAIG, Proprietor.

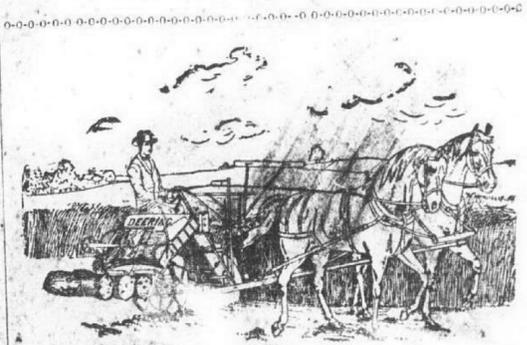
I wish to announce to the public that I have opened a first-class Saloon on south Ave. My stock will be complete in all lines. Fine Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes a specialty. Cigars of the highest grade. Polite attention and the best of order observed. Call and make yourself at home.

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ROBT. CRAIG.

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# ON THE MARKET

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