

# THE WEEKLY MESSENGER.

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## THE MESSENGER.

### Our Mite.

This is about the time of year that the press and the farmer feel themselves drawn together by mutual admiration, and are as thick as bed-bugs in a boarding house. The former profuse in its advice and the latter chary in its acceptance. Hence, the Messenger, though no bigger than a bantam, feels its importance as much as the next one, volunteers this unsolicited counsel:

"Imprimis," (this stands for firstly,) seize upon everything that will aid your work and advance your industries.

Secondly, don't cultivate your lands with a view to get the most out of them without any reference to the future, only to awake some fine morning to find you are retrograding; but fertilize intelligently to keep them in the highest state of fertility for all time.

Thirdly, the old ruts are worn out—new ideas and methods must be adopted.

Fourthly, better tillage is necessary.

Fifthly and lastly, learn the economies of the farm.

With this, you have the whole secret of successful farming as demonstrated by Mr. Turman and others. We don't charge anything for this advice, but if you think it is worth the price of a year's subscription to this paper, we shall be pleased to inscribe your name in our book. We have, in our note book several little gems similar to the above, that we will give away during the current year.

### Pluck and Assimilation only Needed.

It is not more foolish to expect a four-wheeled vehicle to glide along smoothly on three wheels than it is to expect a community to follow in the wake of progress when a coterie of its people are ready at all times, to cry down or belittle all worthy efforts made to place it in the line of prosperity. This unassimilative spirit of which, we are to say, evidence is seen right here—have but a partial conception of civic pride, has tendered to destroy the germs of prosperity in more than one town. It is not, as has been untold times demonstrated, the location of a community that makes its prosperity, but it is the pluck and pride of the people living therein that make things hum. We must—to slightly paraphrase the views of an exchange—either run a town with vim or expect a general "dout-care a-darn" all along the line. Run the town for all it is worth, get up steam and keep it up, or let nature take its course. Do you want a prosperous town? Then do away, bury from sight all jealousies, all spite: work for a common prosperity and mutual benefit and before many days have gone down in the gulp of time you will be surprised at the results.

Get your flower seeds at Martial Bienvenu.

### The Municipal Election.

Every qualified voter will soon be able to express his preference for five members to constitute a Board of Trustees for this town, to serve for the ensuing year.

It is the duty of every good citizen to vote at that election; and before depositing his ballot, to inform himself what measures and men he ought as a good citizen to support.

While party politics should not enter into the choice of good men, we very much fear that such will be the case at least on one side. But, we advise you, if the party with which you affiliate, do not nominate good men, it is your bounden duty, if you value the general weal, and wish to set an example of true public spirit to vote against such.

### Extra Meeting Vol. Fire Company No. 1

Firemen's Hall March 10th. 1886.

Hon. Alphose Bienvenu presiding.  
A quorum present.

On motion, duly seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Be it resolved, That, we the members of Vol. Fire Co. No. 1 of St. Martinsville, do now express our high appreciation and kind feelings for the ladies and gentlemen who have so willingly given us their valuable and indispensable assistance both at the Bazar and Ball of March 4th. and 6th. 1886. And also to those who so liberally contributed to the success of said Bazar and Ball, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. Charles Guirard, in a few words, submitted to the company the kind offer of the ladies of St. Martinsville to give an amateur Theatrical entertainment on the 1st. of May 1886, for the benefit of the Fire Co. No. 1 which offer was accepted by the company.

On motion of Felix Bienvenu duly seconded and voted it was ordered that the Secretary request the Reveille and Messenger, of St. Martinsville to publish these resolutions.

On motion, seconded and voted the meeting adjourned.

R. MARTIN, ALP. BIENVENU  
Secretary. President.

### Local Lights.

Skating at the rink to-morrow evening.

Mr. Auguste Guirard is rejoicing over that sweet girl baby.

The Morgan City Free Press and the Review, are full of politic these days.

The Corporation authorities are having the streets worked and repaired.

Queer weather during the week, reader—a mixture of damp, warm, rain, chilly.

Mother Superior Mary Theresa Austin Carroll, of the convent of Mercy, arrived in this town Thursday.

We are under obligations to Hon. E. J. Gay, for public document sent to the Messenger.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Knight had closed his store; but, are consoled by the fact that it is only temporary.

DIED.—At New Iberia, La. Wednesday March 17th. At 4:30 o'clock a. m. Mrs. Augustin Richard, at the advanced age of 80 years.

It is thought that as soon as the little difference, now existing, shall have been bridged over, the building of the projected Hall, will not be delayed.

Mr. J. E. Mouton, Esq. and family after a sojourn of several weeks in the city returned home last Monday. Mr. Mouton looks greatly benefitted by his trip.

As will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the first meeting published in another column, we are soon to have a truck company, something very much needed here.

The money order business transacted at our post-office, three days following of this week, amounted to very near a sum of \$2,000. Of this amount about \$1500 went to New Orleans.

We are told that a ticket will be presented to the voters of this corporation, for their support at the approaching election, which is confidently believed, will meet with general approbation.

Hens may be a little backward on eggs, but they never fail to come to the scratch where flower beds are concerned. And this is just about this is just about the time of the season to keep an eye on them.

Mr. S. B. Joyner has established a library in this town. Mr. Alphose Guerin has been appointed librarian, his office will be at the Castillo Hotel. One dollar is the price of subscription for two years.

It is Mr. Harrison's intention to have the building, recently purchased by him from Mr. Scott Kelso, occupied by a gentleman from New Orleans, who will open there with a \$10,000 stock of Dry Goods, etc.

DIED.—At Breax Bridge, La, Feb. 27th Mrs. Thomas Mouton, born Analse Babin at the age of 42 years. The funeral took place on the 28th. and over 300 persons attended. The deceased leaves a boy and five girls to mourn her untimely death.

To judge by the number of people lining the banks of the Teche, with a pole in one hand and a drag line in the other, we are bound to infer that "fish are biting splendidly" there is lots of fun in it. But, then, perhaps, in most instances, it is a case of necessity—no fish, no dinner, you know?

The Rayne Signal is a neat, well put-up and well edited candidate for public favor. It is published in the growing town of Rayne and the first issue starts with every indication of future prosperity. First old horse shoe we find we'll express it to you Bros. Felter & Addison.

A lot of mangy dogs infests the aisles of our Catholic Church every Sunday and by their antics disturb the devotions of the faithful, and are disgusting in other respects. They are led by a bob-tailed cur, which ought to be indicted for malfeasance. Steps should be taken at once to abate the nuisance.

Hon. Michael Hahn, Representative from the second district and the only Republican member in Louisiana's Congressional delegation, died suddenly in Washington, last Monday. All accounts agree that he was a man of varied and great attainments and that his highest ambition was to serve faithfully his people. His demise is sadly regretted.

Last Friday P. M. Chas. Broussard, received from Washington a big bag of assorted seeds. As soon as the fact was known, they were distributed as fast as a free lunch at a barbecue. All those who have received seeds will please note the request printed on each package, which reads "report (to this office, if you wish) as to earliness, hardness, yield and quality as soon as the seed crop is gathered, so that the reports from every State and Territory can be compiled and preserved for future reference."

We extract the following from the appropriations made by the Police Jury of St. Landry.

To pay for the half cost of bridge at Arnaudville to be built jointly with the parish of St. Martin, provided said parish appropriated an equal amount \$800 (eight hundred dollars.) and Messrs. C. Clay, A. Durio and L. M. Rogers were appointed a committee to confer with a like committee from the parish of St. Martin to sell the contract according to law.

### NOTICE.

The members of the Home Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, are requested to meet this evening.

ALBERT WOODLEY President.

### FOUND ESTRAY.

I have in my possession a brown mare, with a white spot on her forehead, with a colt, (a mule) one year old, branded thus XA. The owner will please prove his property and pay costs.

Lezime Andress,  
Lafayette, La.