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### The Butcher's Move.

It is said that two, at least, of the three butchers, in town, have decided to put up, each a private market. If this determination is carried out, the corporation revenues will be decreased about four or five hundred dollars a year. As the total revenues are under three thousand dollars it is seen that the proposed move will be a heavy blow to the corporation exchequer. For a town of this size (nearly 2,000 souls) the revenue now collected is inadequate to meet the improvements needed. Clipp off one-fifth and we cannot very well see where necessary public improvements will be possible. We do not know if the town ordinances forbid the selling of meat outside of the corporation market, but inasmuch as the Supreme Court decided recently against the town council of New Iberia in a matter akin to this, we presume the butchers have taken legal advice in the premises and know what they are doing. Whether this proposed step is due to what the butchers consider exorbitant charges we cannot say, but if taken it will tend to raise "Hail Columbia."

### Consumption Cured.

An old physician retired from active practice having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung affections after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. The recipe sent free to all who may desire it with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Address naming this paper. Dr. M. E. Cass, 210 Grand Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

### The Bayou Teche New Packet

The Louisville Courier Journal had the following mention of the launch of Capt. Belt's new boat,

The New Orleans and Bayou Teche River Packet Company's new steamer was successfully launched from the ways at Howard's shipyard yesterday afternoon, and was witnessed by a large crowd of people, quite a number of ladies being present from New Orleans who witnessed the launch from the docks of the Oliver Beirne. At 5 o'clock the blocks were knocked from under the hull and she glided into the water without a hitch. Her hull is one of the best ever built for a stern wheel boat being built out of 4½ inch plank, her model being perfect. She measures 195 feet long, 38 feet beam 37 feet floor and 5½ feet in the clear. Capt. Lloyd Belt president of the company is in the city and superintending the work himself this being the first boat he has ever built. She will be finished throughout and leave here about the middle part of next month and may her career prove a money-making and successful one. Her name has not yet been selected.

Thomas Stevens, who is making a tour of the world on a bicycle is now in Calcutta. He will push on to China and be home by Christmas.

### A GREAT REMEDY FOR CATARRH.

In another column of this paper will be found an advertisement of a Catarrh remedy, of which a sample is sent free to any sufferer of this terrible scourge. We know B. S. Lauderbach & Co., the proprietors, to be a responsible firm and those who write them will receive prompt attention and square dealing.

The following so well expresses our views and feelings that we hasten to publish the words of wisdom:

As editor of the Roeline Reporter we will not for one moment try to please all our friends, much less our enemies. We intend to say and do what we think is for the good of our people and on matters pertaining to our own parish we do not propose to follow our friends no further than what in our opinion is right and just. We claim to have an opinion of our own, and we claim to use that opinion, and if some of our friends do not like it, they should remember that as editor we have the same privilege as other people and in our humble way we wish to do injustice to none. But in matters pertaining to the public welfare our motto is "Hew to the line let the chips fall where they may."

### A Rare Chance.

We offer to our readers, and the public the grandest offer ever made in this parish. We will furnish the Messenger and The Mayflower, of Yarmouthport, Mass., an eight page family paper, for one year, for \$1.35.

The Kerseys, of Lancaster county, Pa., are a long lot. Dr. Kersey and his wife are each six feet tall; one of their sons is six feet three inches, and George another son thirteen years is seven feet high.

An Indian idol has been discovered in the west. It is a petrified whiskey bottle with the cork out.

Farmer Shuman near Santa Mario Cal, saw bees going in and out of a crack of a big pumpkin on his farm. He opened the pumpkin and found eight pounds of excellent honey within. He now brags more than ever of the glorious climate of California, where one can raise pumpkins and honey on the same vine.

### Local Lights.

Beer on ice at 5 cents a glass at B. Audibert's.

The Circuit Court will open next Tuesday.

The skating rink was opened last Saturday with a fair attendance.

You can subscribe for any periodical published through the post-master.

The lighted lamp at Gernaud's corner is a boon to those who perform must be out after nightfall.

We are glad to see that our patrons are pleased with the job work turned out from this office.

The 19th. prox., has been fixed for the dramatic representation under the guidance of Mrs. de St Laurent.

The young gentlemen in town seem to be determined to have a brass band. We trust they will succeed. There is fine material to effect a tip-top band.

We heard that Mr. E. A. Duchamp, had obtained a hogshead and a half of sugar to the acre from cane ground this week.

It was reported around a few days ago that a stranger was in town and was thinking of buying land with a view of starting a rice plantation.

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Hon. Felix Voorhies, has been quite ill for the past few days, but we are happy to state that he is improving rapidly and is about all right now.

We noticed some pretty framed pictures in the show windows of the workshop of Mr. J. A. Hitter. This young gentleman is a splendid artisan.

The rainy weather has set in, and the weather we are now having is far from agreeable, so much so that we have been unable to find any local items for this issue.

To accommodate the tax payers, the Tax Collector, will be in Breaux Bridge on the 1st. and 2nd. and in Grande Pointe at Jim Calais store on the 3rd. and 4th. of December next to receive the payment of taxes.

One of the notable facts connected with the result of the election in this district is the remarkable exactness with which the predictions of the Terrebonne Times and Morgan City Free Press failed to peter out. Vide last number Thibodeaux Sentinel.

If our memory be not at fault we remember reading in the Terrebonne Times that Darrall intended to contest Gay's seat in the next Congress. As we have heard or read nothing more of the matter we presume the idea has been abandoned. A reasonable conclusion by the way.

The Scientific American published by Munn & Co., New York, presents weekly to its readers the best and most reliable record of various improvements in machinery while the scientific progress of the country can in no way be gleaned so well as by the regular perusal of its pages.

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Mr. C. E. Schrenks, artist Photographer, from New Orleans, is now located in this town, in the building lately occupied by Mr. J. B. Ferran, opposite the Catholic Church. Mr. Schrenks is now ready to execute all kinds of work in his line, and guarantees full satisfaction. His pieces are moderate.

Mr. A. M. Hebert, the popular grocer under Duchamp's Hall has inaugurated a plan which brings him in considerable trade judging from the number of people his store every Saturday evening. His plan is the presentation of a ticket to every purchaser in a weekly drawing in which the winning ticket is entitled to a certain amount of goods free. This coupled to his advertisement in the Messenger is telling in his favor. And besides you get goods as cheap if not cheaper than elsewhere.

A madstone a sort of calcereous concretion sometimes found in the stomach of ruminating or cud chewing animals is in the possession of Mr. Wm. Pryer who lives near bayou Cornie eight miles from Farmerville in this State. It was taken from the stomach of a deer killed in Bradley county Ark., some years ago. Its efficacy in several cases where persons had been bitten by rabid dogs is testified to. These facts are set forth by the Farmerville Home Advocate.—Picayune.

Our friend Hon. Alfred Voorhies, has had in his possession for some years a stone with the same qualities as the one mentioned above, as it has more than once been tested and its efficacy demonstrated. But whether it has a history attached to it we do not know.

### Married.

On Monday the 15th. inst., at the bride's mother, Mrs. Alesbiade DeBlanc, by the Rev. Father Jan, Miss Mathilde DeBlanc, the charming and accomplished daughter of the late Col. Alcibiade DeBlanc, to Mr. Fred Mouton of Lafayette. May their path through life be strewn with flowers.

### Died.

On Wednesday the 18th inst. at 2:30 A. M. Rosa Felicie Penne, daughter of J. F. Penne and Amelie Baker, at the age of 16 years.

Oh death! thy sting is terrible.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.—PARISH OF ST. MARTIN. 21st Judicial District Court

No. 8722.

Victorine Pitt wife of Emile Ambroise & als.

Versus.

Clemence Pitt and her Husband Zenon Pierre.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed by the Hon. 21st. Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Martin dated the 18th. day of October A. D. 1886. I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder at the Court House door in the town of St. Martinsville between the legal hours on

SATURDAY the 18th. DAY of DECEMBER A. D. 1886.

It being the third Saturday of said month the following described property to wit;

The undivided one seventh of a certain tract of land situated in the Parish of St. Martin measuring about forty superficial arpents, and together with said land the undivided seventh of all the building and improvements thereon erected. The said tract of land is bounded north by Magenta plantation South by land of Michel Gabriel, East by property of Pierre Pitt Jr. and West by Vendor. Said land having a front of two arpents by a depth of twenty arpents starting from the boundary of Pierre Pitt Jr., and coming to the boundary of Vendor.

Sold to satisfy said above mentioned writ.

Sheriff's office this 13th day of November A. D. 1886.

T. L. BROUSSARD, Sheriff.