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THE MESSENGER.

Local Lights.

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

Parties having taxes to pay will do well to settle same this month and avoid costs.

The civil term of our District Court, with Judge Mouton on the bench, opened Monday.

There were two funerals here Monday, that of Mrs. Dorville Perieux and Mrs. Louis Graeoulla.

The programmes for the entertainment of the 19th. inst., are out, and it promises to be a grand affair, the ladies in charge will spare no pains to make it a success.

The Messenger and the Mayflower of Yarmouthport, Mass., one year for \$1.35.

A wagon load of young ladies and gentlemen of this town, took a very pleasant trip to Mr. G. W. Bancker's plantation, to attend a sugar house party, where they enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

Miss Leontine, daughter of Mr. Pierre Hulin, of this parish, died Wednesday. Her funeral took place the next day from the Catholic Church, and was largely attended by her many friends.

We extend our sympathy to the family.

The Bayou Teehe is so low, that not even the flatboats can run between this place and Breaux Bridge, and business with that place is entirely suspended. The Bayou in some places is not over twelve feet wide.

Mr. Edward Sillan has bought the Sproule plantation for \$6,000. Mr. Sillan proposes to divide that part of the plantation adjoining to town, in lots which he will sell at very reasonable prices and on terms to enable the poor people to buy and pay for same.

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We have experienced a severe cold weather this week, on Sunday and Monday there was a hard freeze. The snow had commenced falling Sunday morning while a strong north wind was blowing but fortunately it fell only a few minutes.

Hon. James E. Mouton, elected Judge of the Twenty First Judicial District, at the election held November 2nd., received his Commission last Saturday and qualified Monday before A. V. Fournet, Clerk of Court.

There will be a Christmas Tree Entertainment given in the College Hall by the Sisters of Mercy, on the 26th and 27th of December.

Prizes will be drawn on Sunday 20th from 12 m. to 3 p. m. And on Monday 27th. from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and in the afternoon from 2 to 9 p. m. There will be a difference in this years Entertainment from that of former years. On the last evening the Entertainment will close with Music, Songs and Tableaux by some of the present and former pupils of the Convent.

Admittance 25 cents. Every ticket will draw a prize.

The Ceremony of Reception of the Children of Mary and Holy Angels, took place at four o'clock Wednesday, at the Chapel of the Convent. Our thanks to the Sisters for the gracious invitation.

The sugar grinding season will shortly be over, the yield is far from being satisfactory, as we were told by some experienced planters that the yield will average about three quarters of a hoghead per acre, which is about a half crop.

The Steamer Queen City came as far as the Keystone plantation last Sunday, she could not reach here on account of the bayou being too low. She had to leave her freight for this town at the Keystone plantation, and contract with a flat boat to take it here.

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.

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.

Pitre Valere, Adam Gabriel Jules Jones and Michel Gabriel, implicated in the murder which occurred a few days since some few miles above Breaux Bridge, had a preliminary examination Thursday. Pitre Valere, Adam Gabriel and Jules Jones were admitted to bail in the sum of \$750, and Michel Gabriel in the sum of \$450. They have not thus far, furnished any bail, and consequently remain in jail.

The Louisiana Lottery

This case of which we gave the points involved a few days ago has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States adversely to the State assessors, who claim that the stock of the company was subject to taxation State and Federal in addition to the \$40,000 paid to the Charity Hospital.

This it was contended by the attorneys for the assessors and the city a license and not a tax and did not exempt the company from a tax or its stock. The Supreme Court however decide that the company is protected from this claim by the contract of the State and the injunction is affirmed.

This is another of the unbroken series of successful litigation of this company showing the great legal skill and ability with which all their laws and contracts relating to it have been framed. We cannot remember a single case in which the company has ever been defeated.

Though the supreme Court of the United States has decided that Lottery grants are not contract that can not be repealed by Legislative acts, and an act of the Legislature was passed repealing the charter of the company. Yet it has been able to defeat and overcome all the efforts to prevent its continuance of its enjoyment of the right granted by its charter. This success in litigation has been largely due to the punctual, exact and scrupulous administration of the company and to the large philanthropy and popularity of the managers.—N. O. Chronicle.

McEnery and Nicholls.

The drift of political events indicate that Governor McEnery and Ex-Governor Nicholls will be the contestants for the gubernatorial prize next year. Of course there is no way to prevent these gentlemen seeking this high honor, for it is the undisputed right of every free American to become a candidate for office, but we submit that the rank and file of the Democratic party should consider the interests of the party before dividing into factions and endorsing the candidacies of these gentlemen and bringing on just such another bitter factional fight as that gone through with in 1883. That contest brought dissensions into the household and gave the party unity and discipline a blow that it has not yet recovered from. This should not be re-enacted, but it will be if McEnery and Nicholls are allowed to become the candidates of factors. Their aspirations and ambition should not be allowed to jeopardize the party unity and harmony; for the welfare of the Democratic party rises high above men, and Gov. McEnery and Ex-Governor Nicholls need to be reminded of the fact. For the party's good let them step aside.—Ouachita Telegraph.

A Washington special to the Picayune says: Mr. Gay has prepared and will offer at the earliest opportunity a bill for the relief of the flood sufferers at Johnson's Bayou in October last. The distress is great among the people whose property was destroyed, and Mr. Gay will name in his bill an amount sufficient to relieve the wants of the needy if Congress should see fit to pass the measure.

In the House to-day Mr. Gay introduced a resolution authorizing the Mississippi River Commissioners to use \$1000,000 or more if necessary, to repair the damage at Plaquemine, caused by the caving in of the banks of the river. The funds are to come out of the appropriation available.

Mr. Gay has had a talk with Major Harrod, of the commission, who thinks that the work ought to be done, but was unwilling to go ahead without the sanction of Congress.

There's every reason to believe that the permission will be granted, and Mr. Gay and the Southern members will do all in their power to have the resolution favorably and speedily acted upon.

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.

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.

A Few Chips.

Snow fell at Pensacola, Fla., last Saturday, the first in fourteen years.

Gen. Will. A. Strong is in Baton Rouge awaiting his trial.

Yazoo City, Miss., was on the 5th inst. visited by a very disastrous fire. The loss is estimated at \$66,300.

A disastrous fire visited Natchez Miss., on the 5th. inst. and destroyed property to the amount of \$35,000.

The second session of the Forty ninth Congress met at Washington, at noon on Monday the 6th. inst.

The Baton Rouge Truth favors the nomination of Gen. Francis T. Nicholls for Governor in 1888.

The Knights of Labor of Morgan City have nominated a municipal ticket which they will support at the election to be held on the 3rd. day of January 1887.

Four car loads of cotton were destroyed by fire on the Mississippi Valley Rail. road, last Monday. The fire is supposed to have originated from hot boxes and the loss estimated at between \$10,000 and \$11,000.

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.

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 buildings 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.