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## The Entertainment.

To-morrow evening the 19th. inst. will be given at Duchamp's hall, by our young gentlemen and lady amateurs an interesting theatrical representation. Instrumental and vocal music of a high order of merit will also be provided for. This entertainment under the able management of prominent ladies of the locality promises to be most enjoyable. We learn with much pleasure that the beneficiary on the occasion, is to be that well known and most estimable lady Mrs. St. Rose de St. Laurent, who for the last forty odd years has been intimately identified with institutions of learning. This lady can truly claim the proud privilege of having given a solid education to many of our best citizens. She has, at different times during a long life organized and presided over several seminaries for young ladies, which, under her able management attained to a high degree of efficiency. Indeed pupils from all parts of the State came to her.

It is therefore right and proper that one so worthy should receive, at the hands of her many friends and former pupils a rousing reception; such a reception in fact as would testify to her in a substantial manner, the high regard she enjoys in the affections of the community. We predict for her a full house and for her audience a most delightful soiree.

## FIRE.

The stable of Auguste Charles, a colored man residing near Mr. C. B. Castex plantation, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. All the contents was destroyed. Also a fine colt which was in the stable was burned to death. The fire is supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

An alarm was sounded at about 8 o'clock last Friday night, the two engines were out and the people running in all directions in an excited manner to witness a chimney fire at Mrs. Charles Neveux.

We do not believe it necessary to sound the alarm for chimney fires which can be easily controlled, as it throws the people in fearful excitement and uneasiness.

Tuesday night at about half past nine o'clock, a fire was discovered in the barn on the plantation of Mr. Numa Bienvenu, about a mile below town. The alarm was sounded and both engines and the Hook and Ladder Co. were soon on the spot, but too late to be of any use. The barn contained a large quantity of fodder and cotton in seed, and all the tools of the plantation, which were entirely consumed. The origin of the fire is not known but supposed to be accidental.

The Mayor, Monday morning, ordered the Police Officer to arrest two parties who some few days ago had created some disturbance in town, and who had been arrested and incarcerated in the town lock up, but who broke open the jail and went away without appearing before the Mayor's Court.

The parties appeared in town Monday when the police officer called upon them to surrender and appear before the Mayor's Court, but they refused to do so. Upon their refusal to surrender, the police officer went to his home took a double barrel shot gun loaded with buckshot, and with the Mayor, went and arrested

said parties at the muzzle of his gun and brought them before the Mayor's Court where they were fined \$12.50.

The Police Officer has a firm determination to maintain peace in the limits of this town, and he will do it at any rate.

Messrs. Bush & Levert have brought suit against the Police Jury, ex-officio Board of Reviewers of this parish, claiming that their property was assessed in excess of its real cash value. This case has occupied the Court five days closing Tuesday evening. Judge Mouton has taken the case under advisement. This is an interesting case and the tax payers have taken a deep interest in it.

Messrs. Bush & Levert are kickers and are never satisfied with their assessment. We do not believe they are over assessed as their property is assessed on the same basis as the property of other tax payers who pay their taxes without a grumble. We will publish the decision of Judge Mouton in our next issue.

## Local Lights.

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

Martin J. Voorhies after spending a few weeks in New Orleans returned home last Saturday looking hale and hearty.

We have many growlers here, but they growl in the dark, and have not the courage to show up when called upon to do so.

We announce to the young ladies and gentlemen, that we have nice and elegant ball programmes, with nice little pencils attached to them, which we will sell at 10 cents a piece.

The many friends and acquaintances of that estimable lady, Mrs. Annette Mardis, were pleased to learn her arrival in this town last Sunday. Mrs. Mardis we are informed, will spend a few weeks among her friends.

We are informed that some parties while under the influence of liquor, have boasted that they could whip the whole town; but if ever they try such a thing, they'll get sorry for it.

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

We call the attention of our readers to the Sheriff's sale to-day, in the case of Victorine Pitt wife of Emile Ambroise & als, versus Clemence Pitt and her husband Zenon Pierre, which will take place at the Court House door, between the legal hours.

We have before us an advance copy of the January number of ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE, published at No. 928 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. The Magazine contains fine engravings, choice literature and fashion notes.

We take pleasure in recommending the Magazine to our readers and the public.

The Sunday law will take effect on Sunday the 2nd. of January, and we advise our friends who are in the habit of indulging in a little whiskey on that day to avail themselves of New Years day, and put aboard a little extra of that stuff in order to be supplied for the next day, for it is very probable they will feel dry on that day.

The Atlantic System will issue on the 21th. inst., holiday tickets to all points at one fair for the round trip. The tickets will be good to return until the 1st of January 1887.

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 prices are moderate.

The Scientific American published by Mann & 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.

We call the public's attention to the vast assortment of cheap, fine shaped, solid and durable, ladies, gentlemen and children shoes. Also Gents and children hats. At Gab Gardemal's Emporium. Who made it a specialty to get a fresh stock for the Holidays.

So make it your headquarters.

We were shown this week at the drug store of Messrs. A. Labbe & Son, a curious freak of nature in the shape of a lamb with a well and perfectly developed human face. It has a round head standing exactly as a child, but has no ears, the tail is placed in the middle of the back and the body is somewhat deformed.

Our friend C. A. Thomas, accompanied by young Homer Mouton, left last week for Rayne. Charley will take charge of the publication of the Acadia Sentinel. Charley is an experienced newspaper man, a first class printer and an able writer.

We wish the Sentinel and publishers all the success they may desire.

Gab Gardemal announces to his friends and the public that he has an extensive stock of Fine Imported BONBONS which he sells at extremely low prices.

The examination of the Misses Laurence Mouton and Agnes Durand, pupils of Mrs. De St. Laurent, took place Thursday morning at Duchamp's Hall, before the relatives and friends of the families. The young ladies passed a brilliant and creditable examination, and we congratulate Mrs. De St. Laurent on her success.

The parents of the young ladies should be proud of the brilliant and successful examination passed by their charming and accomplished daughters.

The lightning rod on the steeple of the Catholic Church, which was a few months ago broken by a stroke of lightning, was repaired this week by Messrs. J. W. Wallior and Louis Benjamin.

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 26th from 12 m. to 8 1/2 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.

## 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 R. S. Lauderbach & Co., the proprietors, to be a responsible firm and those who write them will receive prompt attention and square dealing.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.