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We have received a fine stock of

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Mr. Felix Bienvenu made a trip to New Orleans this week.

—The heavy rain of Sunday morning last has again interfered with field work, and especially retarding the planting of cane.

The only thing the people talk about now, is war. They seem to forget that a constitutional convention is now in session in New Orleans.

—The registration office is now open, and all residents and voters of the town can get registered to vote at the town election on the 4th day of April next.

—The St. Martinville Building and Loan Association has received a large fire proof safe for the safe keeping of the books and papers of the association, which, before, were exposed to the dangers of fire.

—Postmaster L. C. Vautier has taken charge of the postoffice since Monday, and has moved the office Corner Main and Bridge streets, where he has fitted a pretty office with new fixtures. Mr. P. D. Olivier is his assistant.

—Our merchants are making St. Martinville look quite city-like these days, the display of goods on the sidewalk makes things look pretty lively, and some of the show windows are pretty artistic in their displays.

Mrs. M. Bienvenu has received this week an elegant stock of trimmed hats which are the beauties of the season, and she calls the particular attention of the ladies to this fact, and invites them to inspect her varried stock of millinery goods.

This winter has been exceedingly mild, but it has been terribly wet, since nearly four months, we have never passed a week without two or three showers, which have greatly interfered with field work. Water in the Cypress Island, section, caused by rains is very high, so high as to interfere with the people of that section.

—There are now two town tickets, both were selected by mass meetings last Saturday. The Democratic ticket is composed as follows: T. J. Labbe, Leonce Pellerin, L. C. Duchamp, Chas. Guirard, T. L. Broussard. The People's ticket is composed of Felix Bienvenu, L. C. Duchamp, J. C. Bienvenu, A. G. Goulas and Sam Knight.

—Messrs. T. J. Labbe and L. J. Gardemal have bought the old Gueriniere saw mill. Part of this property will be transferred to the Southern Pacific, and will be utilized for depot grounds and to enlarge the yard switches. Messrs. Gardemal and Labbe, it is understood, will soon take steps to establish in this town an electric plant, and possibly an ice factory attached.

—Mr. B. L. Fournet has made a substantial plank walk in front of his brick property on Main street. Now, the sidewalk in front of the Tertrou hotel, the property of Mr. E. A. Duchamp is in a horrible condition, but knowing the energy and enterprise of Mr. Duchamp, we are perfectly satisfied that when the tenants of his buildings will call his attention to the bad condition of his banquette he will repair it without delay.

L. C. Duchamp,

The Planters Store.

You can get from a Pin to a Hay Stack.

Hardware, Furniture, Wheelwright Material, Buggies, Agricultural Implements,

Paints, Oils Window Glass, Wall Paper, Tinware, Crockery, Harness and Saddles.

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