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Our PREMIUM OFFERS.

It would require too much space to give a separate advertisement to each Premium we offer to Canvassers and Subscribers. We have, however, given space to some Special Features, cuts and descriptions of which will be found in our advertising columns. Following is a list of our PREMIUM OFFERS as a whole, which offers will be made for a limited period:

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ONE Subscriber (under conditions mentioned in advertisement), receives 50 Stylish Visiting Cards. Progress for one year, and the cards, \$1.35.

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THREE Subscribers gets a Lady's Plush Work-Box, size 10x7 inches, nicely finished. Progress for one year, and the Work-Box, \$1.85.

FOUR Subscribers gets 2 Spalding's Victor Baseballs and 2 good Baseball Bats. Boys, you can get them easy enough. The Progress for one year and this baseball outfit will be sent to any address on receipt of \$1.90.

FIVE Subscribers gets a beautiful Hand-painted Panel Wall-pocket, finished in Oxidized Silver, size 15x18 inches; just the thing to keep your papers, music, etc., in. The Progress for one year, and this beautiful panel, only \$2.00.

SIX Subscribers gets a Ladies' Writing Desk, 8x12 inches, beautifully finished and Inlaid Top. We will send The Progress for one year and the Writing Desk to any address for \$2.25.

SIX Subscribers gets Gents' Plush Collar and Cuff Box; very neat. The box and The Progress for one year, to any address, for \$2.25.

SEVEN Subscribers gets an 8-Ball Croquet Set, nicely painted and in good, strong box. Croquet Set and Progress for one year, \$2.40.

EIGHT Subscribers gets a Colored Glass Water Set, 1 Pitcher and 6 Glasses, spiral or mottled; very handsome. The Water Set and the Progress for one year, \$2.50.

NINE Subscribers gets a Perfection Combination Flour Bin and Sifter; the nicest thing going to keep out dust, mice, etc. (See advertisement).

NINE Subscribers gets a Set of Tools for patching shoes and harness, etc. (See advertisement).

ELEVEN Subscribers gets "The Angelus," reproduction of a painting which sold for \$125,000. This picture is mounted in an Oak and Silver Frame, size 20x24 inches. The Progress and the picture, \$3.50.

TWELVE Subscribers gets a beautiful Vase Lamp. (See advertisement.)

TWELVE Subscribers gets a handsome Colored Chamber Set of 10 pieces. The set, and The Progress for one year, to any address, \$4.00.

THIRTEEN Subscribers gets one of Palmer's Best Woven Hammocks, beautiful colors, strong, with pillow and fringe. The Hammock, and The Progress for one year, \$4.50.

THIRTEEN Subscribers gets a Solid Black Walnut Shoe-Blackening Case, Brussels Carpet Top, best Bristle Brush and Dauber combined, Box of French Blacking, Outfit and The Progress for one year, \$4.50.

FIFTEEN Subscribers gets a beautiful Colored Tea Set of 56 pieces, blue or brown figures. Tea Set and The Progress for one year, \$5.00.

SIXTEEN Subscribers gets 6 Knives and 6 Forks of Rogers' Silver Plate; the very best for table use. Knives and forks, and The Progress for one year, \$5.75.

SEVENTEEN Subscribers gets a splendid Set of Harness. (See advertisement.)

THIRTY Subscribers gets a good, strong Cart or Sulky, adapted for the Road or Speeding your Horse. (See advertisement.)

FORTY Subscribers gets the "Never Fail" Cooking Stove; something nice. (See advertisement.)

FORTY-FIVE Subscribers gets one of the celebrated Oxford Improved High-Arm Singer Sewing Machines. (See advertisement.)

FORTY-FIVE Subscribers gets a Premier Camera, the nicest thing imaginable for lovers of amateur photography. (See advertisement.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR TRAVELING MAN.

An Interesting Letter From a Man Who Is Knocking About.

COLLINGSBURG, La., Sept. 2, 1892.

To the Editor of The Progress:

The corn crop is good throughout all the hill lands in Bossier parish. The cotton is of fine appearance, but in places the rains have injured the fruiting of the plant. The yield, however, is expected to be equal to that of last year.

There is much improvement going on in the country, which speaks well for the farmers.

Politics has cooled to some extent. A few, however, are agitating the Third Party move, but we think our people will not suffer enough from such doctrine to get it into their heads to split the Democratic party on the presidential election. If it is done, it will be the fault of some aspirant for congressional honors. Bossier has always showed up in the right place, and we look for her to remain true to Democratic principles pure. And who shall we elect for Congress? We must elect a man true to the principles of Democracy. We must elect a man who will fail not to execute and perform every duty with interest to his district and with honor to himself. But it seems that we will have little choice in the matter, the scanty number of aspirants so far giving us a narrow scope for choice as to who we shall send.

On the 23d we visited the tournament and races at Collingsburg. The Sentell brothers have a nice racing track, with a beautiful grove in the center, where the spectators can be comfortably situated, in full view of the entire track. The first exercises of the day was a contest between seven of Bossier's knights of the lance for the crowns with which to adorn their lady loves, after which refreshments were served, which consisted of a barbecue and picnic combined. Then came a hurdle race between two horses, entered, one by Capt. Nattin, for the half mile stretch; one by N. W. Sentell, for half mile, and one by T. D. Carter for first quarter mile. Carter's horse took the outside track in the circle, but when the word was given he shot off like an arrow, passing both horses in the first two hundred yards, and came out to the quarter post with flying colors. Sentell's and Nattin's horses went hard to work for the home stretch, with Sentell in the lead. There was also a hurdle race for a mile heat. Three horses entered the contest, which resulted in the black stallion, raised by J. B. Bixler, of Bossier, leading far ahead at the home stretch. A contest in trotting between two colts, two and a half years old, which were raised on the farm of Sentell brothers, proved plainly that these colts are doomed for the turf, and the prospects for a brilliant record in the future is flattering.

The Sentell brothers are proving to the citizens of Bossier that as good stock can be raised here as elsewhere. They handle nothing but good stock, and a visit to their home will well pay the lover of stock for his trouble. There is to be seen at this farm some as fine blooded stock as there is in any State, and while the Sentell brothers take pleasure in showing their animals, they never fail to hospitably entertain their visitors, and prove what they really are—two clever and enterprising young men. "RAMBLER."

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Notes of Interest Gathered From Around About the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 1, 1892.

Special Correspondence to The Progress:

There is nothing more farcical in the government service than the committees that are from time to time appointed by the heads of the several departments to devise ways and means of reducing the expenses of some particular bureau and increasing the efficiency of its work. These committees, composed usually of the class of employes to whom any Radical change in time-honored red-tape departmental customs would appear sacrilegious, waste a few weeks time in preparing a report recommending the cutting off of some trifling item of expense, and the work of "retrenchment" is considered done, until another Secretary

comes in and appoints another committee composed in all probability of the same men, to go through the same farce.

One of these committees was recently appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of revising the roll of employes of the bureau of Engraving and Printing and recommending an adjustment of compensation and classification of the force, and this week it submitted its report, a synopsis of which appeared in the local papers under the head, "cutting down expenses." A careful reading of the long and most careful prepared report shows that the recommendations of the committee, which have been approved by the Secretary and put into effect, will result in an apparent annual saving of the enormous sum of \$268. It is dollars of last year's bird nests that the savings of five years under this "retrenchment" will not be as much as the expenses attendant upon the sittings of that committee. It is only when one thinks of the millions spent each year by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving that the full absurdity of a committee solemnly recommending an annual reduction of in its expenses of \$268 becomes apparent.

The international monetary conference has received another set back. This time it is the prevalence of cholera in European cities, which adds to the difficulty of selecting a place for the meeting of the conference. Nothing is yet known here about what the Gladstone government of Great Britain proposes doing in relation to the conference. It is now thought that it will be late in October and possibly November before the conference meets, instead of in September as at first supposed.

Mr. Herbert, the British Charge d' Affaires in this city, has had several conferences with the Secretary of State this week, but nothing is known of their nature further than that they related to the Canadian canal question. By the way, the question, which according to press reports has caused so much excitement in Canada, is regarded with very little interest here.

The precedents of a century in the Post Office department have been overturned by an opinion of the Attorney-General, concerning the tenure of office of postmasters, nominated during a recess of Congress, who fail of confirmation by the Senate at the ensuing session. The Attorney rules that such postmasters shall continue to hold office until their successors shall be nominated and have qualified. The opinion holds that the legal expiration of the postmasters commission brought about by the adjournment of the Senate which fails to act upon his nomination leaves the postmaster in exactly the same position as the expiration of a regular four year commission—postmaster for the term of sixty days or until his successor qualifies. The opinion was given in the case of the colored man, Hill, the confirmation of whose nomination to be postmaster at Vicksburg, Miss., is understood to have been prevented by ex-Senator Bruce, also colored.

PROSPECTS NOT SO GOOD.

So Says a Valued Contributor from Down About Keachi.

KEACHI, La., Sept. 2, 1892.

To the Editor of The Progress:

Prospects are quite gloomy just now for a full crop of cotton; in fact, the crop is far short of what we thought it would be. The boll worm, sharpshooter and excess of rain will cut it at least one-third shorter than the crop of last year. I am speaking of the section about Keachi.

I was recently in conversation with Mr. J. G. Fullilove, one of the oldest and most experienced farmers of our section, and he said he was satisfied that we would not make by one-third as much cotton as was made last year. Mr. Fullilove is a gentleman that we can put the utmost confidence in as to his judgment on the cotton crop.

Corn is made, and possibly it is one-third or one-quarter at least short of the crop of last year.

I have not had a conversation with "Practical Farmer" for several weeks, and at that time his ideas were as they have been, as presented through the columns of THE PROGRESS: his sights a little

raised. Yet it is possible that such things may be done, though I'm not experienced enough to do it. I will say this, that I am afraid my friend will not be able to do it this year.

The potato crop is very fine in this section, while the pea crop will also be a success.

This country has saved but little fodder on account of rain.

I must say something about our little town of Keachi. It is not necessary for me to say anything about its locality, as it is already well known. Keachi is on a grand rising boom. The first thing that greets your ears in the morning is the sound of the hammer and the saw. Yes, and the last thing that you hear, as the sun hides itself behind the western hills, it is now 7:20 a. m., and I hear not less than 12 to 20 hammers all going at the same time. New buildings are going up here and there, and a great deal of re-painting is going on.

Any one coming in and going about the college will stand in perfect amazement. This college is undergoing thorough repairs. She is an old and reliable institution, and has borne the pressure with honor thus far, and stands to-day with her future before her, with tokens of even grander success than she has achieved in her past history. Her board of directors are men of great soundness and far-seeing. The session of 1892-93 will open next Tuesday, the 6th of September, with her arms out-stretched and open to receive one and all who may come to her for knowledge, as her professors and staff of teachers are the best that can be procured.

As I am not a member of the board, or have any connection whatever with the institution, except as a patron, I feel at liberty to say what I have about the grand old institution. I will close by saying that all who want to educate their children, let them come to Keachi, as we have room for one and for all.

F. C. L.

DYING WORDS OF FAMOUS MEN.

It is well.—Washington.

Independence forever.—Adams.

Give Dayrolles a chair.—Lord Chesterfield.

I'm shot if I don't believe I'm dying.—Thurlow.

James, take good care of the horse.—Winfield Scott.

Taking a leap in the dark. Oh, mystery!—Thomas Paine.

Let me die in the sounds of delicious music.—Mirabeau.

Don't let that awkward squad fire over my grave.—Burns.

It matters little how the head lieth.—Raleigh on the Block.

I resign my soul to God; my daughter to my country.—Jefferson.

Remorse! Remorse! Write it! Write it! Larger! Larger!—John Randolph.

Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees.—Stonewall Jackson.

I am dying out of charity to the undertaker who wishes to urn a lively Hood.—Hood.

Throw up the window that I may once more see the magnificent scene of nature.—Rousseau.

Soul, thou hast served Christ these seventy years, and art thou afraid to die? Go out, go out!—Hillary.

If I had strength enough to hold a pen I would write how easy and delightful it is to die.—William Hunter.

I pray you see me safe up, and for my coming down let me shift for myself.—Sir Thomas More on the Scaffold.

I am perfectly resigned. I am surrounded by my family. I have served my country. I have reliance upon God, and I am not afraid of the devil.—Grattan.

What is the matter with my dear children? Have I alarmed you? Oh, do not cry! Be good children and we will all meet in heaven.—Andrew Jackson.

Thank God, I can lay my hand upon my heart and say that since I came to man's estate I have never intentionally done wrong to any one.—Francis Marion.

Father in heaven, though this body is breaking away from me, and I am departing this life, yet I know that I shall forever be with thee, for no one can pluck me out of thy hand.—Martin Luther.

I shall die regretted; I have always desired the happiness of France. I did all in my power to contribute to it. I can say with truth that the first wife of Napoleon never caused a tear to flow.—Josephine.

You have been used to take notice of the sayings of dying men; this is mine—that a life spent in the service of God and communion with him is the most comfortable and pleasant life that any one can live in the world.—Matthew Henry.

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1,500 Gallons.....24 00
2,000 Gallons.....27 00
2,500 Gallons.....30 00
3,000 Gallons.....35 00

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We have Five Cases (about Fifteen Columns) of Good Bourgeois Type (that used in this paper), and about 75 pounds of Good Dash-Rules, Leads, Slugs, etc., for 12-cm paper, all of which we will sell cheap for cash.

Constable Sale.

No 34—Mrs. J. Burnside vs. Thomas Balle Jr., and Mary Balle.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued to me in the above numbered and entitled suit, by Hon. Howie Tomkies, Justice of the Peace in and for the Fourth Ward of Caddo Parish, La., I have seized and will sell at public auction at the front door of the courtroom, 208 Milam street, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1892, the following described property, to-wit: 1 lot household goods. Terms of sale—cash on the spot, subject to appraisal.

L. M. McDUFFIE, Constable.
The Progress, Sept. 3, 1892.

Judge A. W. O. Hicks has some fine registered Jersey heifers which he will sell at rock-bottom prices.