

THE PROGRESS.

A THOUGHT FOR HOME.

The average citizen takes a deep interest in the political affairs of the nation. This interest is augmented by work and financial assistance in support of a certain cause, just in proportion to each individual's generosity, public spirit and direct self-interest which the success of that cause will bring to him.

The average man desires good government, and will exercise his best endeavors to obtain it. He readily sees that the services of all of the better element is needed, and must be centered in one direction in order that this demand should prevail. He will make personal sacrifices of business and social pleasure in order that the object sought for may be secured; all this, besides contributions of money for the campaign, in order that that cause which he thinks is necessary to secure good government should be successful. We say that the average man will give all this, and yet he does not give a thought scarcely to his home.

We do not wish to be understood as stating that the average man does not sometimes, aye, often-times, think of his wife and the dear ones at home. We know that the great majority frequently, even in the midst of their busy worry, bring before the mental camera the scenes of their home circle, wherein the sweet faces of wife and children are brightly reflected and causes their hearts to beat with a rapturous pleasure, but we mean to say that these same men pay little attention to the surroundings in which their children are growing up, or the numerous temptations which they are subject to daily, and are slowly changing the dispositions of their boys and dwarfing and contracting their moral natures.

Many a father will spend hours of his time around political headquarters who does not give ten minutes to ascertain the quality of company his boy is daily keeping. The church-going father will eat a semi-late breakfast Sunday morning and haste off to the postoffice to get his mail, from there to the news stand for some favorite paper, read that, and consume the balance of the time before service in talking politics, business or anything else with other fathers like him, go on to church, hear the sermon with perfect composure and self-satisfaction, and never give a thought of whether or not his children went to Sunday school, and if they did go, did they know their lessons. All that, if he ever thinks of it at all, their mother must look after. He will do his best to send good men to the Legislature, and will not give a moment of his time to the moral support of the laws these same men enact. He says it is none of his business if drinking hells violate the law, gambling saloons run with open doors, liquor is sold to minors, and the parish and city officials wink at the demoralizing influence of these law debaucheries. He will attend a political meeting, toss his hat and shout out in encore to some telling hit of the orators, uncaring of the fact that next to him and in pleasing intercourse is a man who owns one of these hells, and is a criminal before the very laws of his State. They are both Democrats; the saloon man is a good schemer, can control a small number of votes, gives his money freely for campaign purposes, and never shirks any duty imposed on him. The paterfamilias says the morals of this man are nothing to him. He has all of his time occupied when he attends to his own business, and thus he continues on the course which is self-prescribed, and thinks he is a good citizen because he does take interest in public affairs political, commercial and industrial; is well satisfied with his own manner of dealing with such matters of a moral nature, until some morning, like a thunder-clap bursting on a summer sky, the news is brought to him that his boy was a principal in some disgraceful scene in this fellow-Democrat's saloon or drinking hell, and then he casts his eyes heavenward, sighs like a lost soul, and wonders what he has done that such an affliction should be visited upon him and his poor wife.

Let the men give more attention to their homes. Let the raising of their children command their first and most earnest attention. Let them take interest in public affairs from a moral standpoint. Give some time and attention to the enforcing of laws which the statute books. See to it the surroundings where their children are thrown are morally pure and safe. Teach their children to shun the Sunday law

are criminals to be avoided, shunned and contemned, the same as any other criminal; shun and avoid them themselves, and let their children see them do it. Let not campaign money and work by these Sunday-law-breaking criminals be the price of a son's good name and honor. In fact, let the fathers of Louisiana prescribe the moral development for their children, and work as hard to secure that end as they do to win in politics, and the manhood of Shreveport and North Louisiana will reach a much higher standard than it can now truthfully claim.

PRESS ECHOES.

Louisiana Democrat: A Parish Institute will be held in Alexandria on Thursday, the 22d day of this month, and all teachers who have been employed in the public schools of Rapides parish are expected and required to attend. Such works as shall be assigned to the teachers by Prof. J. A. Myers, who is appointed institute manager, must be carefully prepared in accordance with his instructions. The exercises will open at 9 o'clock a. m., and it is hoped the teachers will all attend and manifest their usual interest.

Democrat: A Mr. King, who lives at the Chopin place on Bayou Rapides, had the misfortune to get his arm badly crushed in a gin last Friday. He was brought to town and Drs. Randolph and Ashton found it necessary to amputate it. At last accounts he was doing quite well under the circumstances. He is about 70 years of age.

Natchitoches Review: The Southern Watchman declares that abundant crops of corn, peas and potatoes are showing fine results in the way of fat hogs. East Feliciana is doing better this year in the way of "living at home," the result of the short price of cotton, than at any period since the war. The Watchman very properly views a short crop and low prices of the staple as blessings in disguise, by furnishing necessities among the farmers, which they were wont to purchase.

Review: Last Monday afternoon Floyd, the 4-year-old son of Mr. T. F. Porter, a planter residing on Cane river, twelve miles below this city, met with a very serious if not fatal accident. The little boy, who is his father's pet, accompanied him to the gin. While Mr. Porter was showing a visitor some improved machinery little Floyd saw some seed falling out of the gin stand, and ignorant of the danger, thrust his hand into them. The merciless saws caught his arm and tore and lacerated it to the shoulder. Dr. Chandler was at once summoned from this city and amputated the arm at the shoulder joint. The news was received here with a thrill of horror. Expressions of regret and sympathy for the little sufferer and his sorrowing parents were wide-spread. The Review sincerely trusts the bright little lad may recover from his terrible injury.

Coushatta Citizen: Our parish seems to have entered an era of prosperity; especially is this so with the hill portion. Most of the hill farmers have gathered and marketed their crops, resulting in a cash balance in their favor, and with the bright outlook for cotton there is every cause to feel hopeful.

Citizen: A literary society was organized last night at the court house, which will meet next Friday night at the college. J. D. Wilkinson was elected president, Miss Mai Scott secretary. All who are interested in the society are requested to attend the next meeting.

Farmerville Gazette: The police jury of Morehouse parish has levied a three-mill tax for school purposes. This tax, in connection with the fines and poll tax, will make the school fund of the parish amount to \$10,000.

Gazette: Tom Buce and Hiram Nales, both white, broke jail Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Buce was serving a sentence of eight months imprisonment in the parish pen for violating the local option laws, and Nales was under arrest on the charge of burglarizing the store of Mr. George Murphy at Oakland.

Plaquemine Journal: Our friend Charleville had quite an adventure a few days ago with an enraged she-bear. He was in the swamp on Bayou Grosse Tete, prospecting for cypress timber, and was in the midst of a cane-brake. Hearing the cane cracking near by, he concluded it was caused by a bear. Presently a half-grown cub came in sight, close to him. He emptied both barrels of his gun into him, fatally wounding him. The cub cried out only as a cub can, and his cries speedily brought the mother bear to the spot, with hair all bristled, looking ugly and full of fight. Our friend Charleville could not run for the thick cane, his gun was empty and he defenseless against the enraged bear. He jumped behind an ash tree, hoping the bear would not see him, but she did, and came directly for him, showing intent to devour him. Charleville's situation was appalling and desperate. He faced the bear, with hat in hand, and with a great sweep of arm shield his hat at her, and with loud voice exclaiming, "Sou-ie!" which frightened her into the cane and gave him a chance to make his escape; not knowing but that he had turned gray during his great peril.

This sounds more like a fish than a bear. Wagner Bros. has fine salt water fish every Friday morning and Sunday morning. Send them your orders.

St. Louis Republic: Near the village of Spenenber, about twenty miles from Berlin, Germany, is situated the deepest salt mine in the world. At last account it was 4,194 feet in diameter. It was begun in the year 1869, government authorities having charge of the work, the avowed purpose of the work being to ascertain the exact thickness of the rock salt vein known to exist beneath the gypsum substrata abutting in that vicinity. The salt rek was reached before the shaft had passed the 300 level, but the size of the mammoth shaft was not lessened until it had reached a depth of nearly one-fifth of a mile, after which the boring was continued with an augur bit thirteen inches in diameter. When the boring was discontinued at a depth of 4,194 feet, 3,000 feet of which was pure rock salt, the end of the augur bit was cutting away in the saline deposits, which is still of unknown thickness.

Ruston Progressive Age: Dudley Bros. bought 35 head of large fat hogs from a gentleman in Jackson parish last week—all corn fed, and yet some of our farmers will argue that they can't raise their own meat. They say that their hogs die up so bad, etc. So does cotton die, that is it gets at times to be worth nothing.

Progressive Age: Mr. R. F. Land of Monroe was in Ruston last Tuesday looking for a business location. Hope he will decide to locate in Ruston.

He would do well to pay Shreveport a visit and investigate here well before making a decision.

Crowley Signal: The grand jury of St. Landry parish, at the present term of the District Court at Opelousas, found true bills against every saloon keeper in the parish for selling liquor in violation of the Sunday law. A great many parishes are enforcing the Sunday law, and the sentiment to enforce it seems to be spreading all over the State. The law should either be enforced or be repealed, one of the two. We believe, however, that a majority of the people desire to see the Sunday law enforced, not only from a religious sense of obligation, but to promote the general industry and good order of society.

That's the true sentiment, and when all the papers in the State have the manliness to speak out for the supremacy of the law in the Sunday law violations, as they are so quick to do in some others, then will these detestable saloon men who are treating this enactment with contempt, be made to respect acts of the General Assembly. The Progress intends, as it started out to do, to keep up the fight as long as it has power to do so. The name of St. Landry parish should be marked down in the memory of respectable people as another parish which is determined to enforce the laws in her bailiwick.

Looking Ahead: In the improvement of moral character, the school can only co-operate with the parent; it can do very little without him.

Looking Ahead: Jeffersonian Democrats who oppose public education are not imbued with the full spirit of their great leader.

Natchitoches Enterprise: We are glad to hear that several of our farmers intend to make an experiment with tobacco raising next year. We know tobacco has been successfully grown here, and we trust the pioneers in re-establishing it as a staple product will meet with deserved success.

Enterprise: We have before us two samples of the output of the Robeline Pottery Factory, in the shape of two garden flower pots, which were brought to us by our friend A. V. Carter, who is largely interested in this industry. These samples compare with any of the kind we ever saw. We understand that quite a large quantity of these pots will be brought to Natchitoches for sale.

Caddo could do something in this line too, if she would but try.

Robeline Battle Flag: What is forgiveness? It is the odor which flowers yield when trampled upon.

Battle Flag: The People's Party is not dead, as some of the papers would like you to believe. It is alive and healthy. It lives on the determination to have reform, and the only thing that will kill it is that the Democrats bring about the reforms demanded.

New Orleans States: The hustling little city of Shreveport is doing a good business in the manufacture of vitrified brick for paving purposes. The bricks are made of native clay, and as there is good clay in easy reach of New Orleans, an enterprise of the same kind should be started by some of our local capitalists. It has been demonstrated in a number of cities that as a paving material the vitrified brick is a great success, making a lasting and noiseless pavement.

Shreveport can make almost anything except her mayor quit trying petit larceny cases, and some of her saloon men stop violating the Sunday law.

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Separation of Property. No. 4091, D. C., First Judicial District Court of Louisiana. Mrs. Louisa L. O'Hara vs. P. M. O'Hara, Her Husband. JUDGMENT. In this case, by reason of the law and the evidence being in favor of plaintiff, and against defendant, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that plaintiff, Mrs. Louisa L. O'Hara, have judgment against defendant, P. M. O'Hara, her husband, dissolving the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between them. It is further ordered that the judgment of separation of property herein granted to Mrs. Louisa L. O'Hara take effect from the date of the filing of this suit, and that defendant pay all cost of this proceeding. This done, read and signed in open court, this 12th day of November, A. D. 1892. [Signed] S. L. TAYLOR, Judge 1st Judicial District Louisiana. A True Copy. F. A. LEONARD, Clerk.

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