

MYRNA'S REALM.

WEEKLY CHIT-CHAT.

Cultured refinement is inseparably associated with the name of "Catherine Cole," and it is safe to say, not one of her large and appreciative audiences, was at all surprised or disappointed in her graceful personation as she appeared on Friday evening the 10th instant, to address the Caddo Teachers Association, and its guests. But many were disappointed in the treatment of her subject.

She has a very sweet, gentle, caressing voice, and a graceful easy self-possession, but her delivery is monotonous and when she says a good thing or a witty one, the perceptible pause, to await an applause, displays a deteriorating flaw.

Her subject, "Old Europe and New America," was an excellent one, but less tangible good was gotten out of it than was expected.

There was nothing to take home with you, an hour pleasantly spent, and there the profit ended. She used some excellent analogies, but there was lack of inherent energy and enthusiasm to derive them from home, and her building blocks of cause and effect were badly put together. Her pen pictures are so true and realistic, that a smug was expected of her word painting.

The impression left by her address was about such as one gains from reading a pleasing summer novel in which a well-bred American girl, describes her trip to Europe, and comments upon the different manners and customs of her own and other countries.

Great minds have different means of transmitting their stores of good to mankind and "Catherine Cole" lies in her pen rather than in her oratory.

Now, I am perfectly aware that to adversely criticize "Catherine Cole" in Louisiana is a daring and dangerous journalistic feat for even a gray-haired veteran, and may mean literary infanticide for "Myrna," but believe that the great Catherine herself, will always respect the expression of an honest conviction, however much she may deplore any errors of the head she may find coupled therewith.

Unfortunately we were detained and reached the hall too late to hear Mr. Bernard Shields recite. Know we missed a rare elocutionary treat, and one that few could duplicate. However, Miss Flo. Field did much to console us for this loss by a brilliant display of elocutionary talent, which was enthusiastically received, and enjoyed by all.

She is a bright, winsome lassie, and though suffering from a severe cold, and troublesome hoarseness, scored a pronounced success. Her talent is evidently inherent and when age has softened and rounded out one or two little points, we expect to hear of her high up among the shining lights of the literary world.

The writer feels a sort of family pride in these two daughters of Louisiana, and were the choice offered, could not decide whether she had rather possess the mother's past, or the daughter's future.

"Lady Lil," as presented by Lillian Lewis, at the Grand on Tuesday evening, was a success and a failure about equally divided. The company is a good one, and each part was well rendered, but the plot, though including some fine dramatic situations, is badly put together, and too intricate and straining to the attention of the audience. There is scope, however, for the display of Miss Lewis' magnificent genius, and she stirred the hearts of her audience at will. The grief of a bereaved mother was never more perfectly acted, nor the revenge and just indignation of an outraged heart and a wronged life more thoroughly impersonated. The whole saved too much of the horrible, but is well worth seeing, for once, at least.

On Saturday last the writer accepted an invitation, previously extended, to be present at the meeting of the Home Charitable Association, and until then had never fully appreciated the extent of the broad-minded charity done by these noble women. As I listened to the reports of the members of the relief committee, and learned how much sore distress had been relieved, and how many troubled hearts been made happy through the ministrations of this creedless charity, I thought of the possibility of an earthly "God-Union Depot."

Shreveport would assuredly furnish most excellent material for the construction of such a haven of rest and comfort for weary, sin-laden travelers. Women with hearts and hands like these can do more to awaken a dead conscience than all the alms of the universe. Noble women, in your faithful endeavors to do good, you consider neither creed nor race, but go with tender hearts and willing hands to answer all calls for charity.

Will you not, in the name of our Father, go one step farther and include fallen women in your deeds of mercy? Whole books have been said in condemnation of these women, while the lines could be counted that have been said in their behalf, and yet each and every one of them has a soul as dear to our Father as the purest among us. Some months ago, during a religious revival here, several good mothers of our town went into one of these palaces of sin and prayed with the inmates there. I understand they were not only kindly received, but that tears of penitence, and the expression of a desire to lead a better life, rewarded their brave and noble deed. True their sin is great, their crimes greater, and the blot of impurity must always stamp a woman with social ostracism; but cannot some avenue of escape be opened for those who desire to leave such a horrible life? Invite them to help you in your charity. Those who respond will evidence a desire to do better, and would not willingly do ought to injure you. If you fear the touch even of sym-

pathy with them, think of "Margaret," of New Orleans. What lady would have refused the clasp of that hand of charity?

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The following appreciated communication from Washington City came too late for our last issue, but we take pleasure in giving it space to-day:

"Among the North Louisianians who took part in the inauguration were the following: Hon. James Jeffries, of Rapides; Messrs. Thos. C. Barrett, Isaac Barron, A. J. Ingersoll, Mary Bodenheimer, of Shreveport; Judge E. W. Sutherland, and Mr. Mote Hewitt, of Mansfield, and Mr. C. P. Brazillie, of Natchitoches.

Mr. Isaac Barron is accompanied by his wife, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. White, on Capitol Hill. Mrs. Barron will remain in Washington until the return of Mr. Barron, who will go to Boston and New York on business.

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Miss Mary Sebastian, of Spring Ridge, spent several days in our town last week, pleasantly for herself and others. She came up to hear Catherine Cole.

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A host of friends will rejoice to know that Mrs. N. C. Blanchard returned with her brother, Mr. T. C. Barrett, who, with her and other Shreveport friends, enjoyed the grand inaugural pageant.

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Miss Kate Nelson's rapid convalescence is a gratifying pleasure to her many friends.

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The writer was pleased to see Miss Lula Soupe out on the street again, and sincerely hopes that her recent illness may soon be forgotten in a full return of health.

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"Myrna" returns thanks to the Caddo Teachers' Association, and will endeavor to be present at their meetings.

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We are pleased to see the smiling countenance of our genial friend, Mr. Mike Bernstein domiciled at the Fairfield Pharmacy. Bernstein Bros have bought the pharmacy, and propose making it a first-class drugstore throughout.

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We are indebted to Mr. Bernstein for a solid stick of cinnamon three feet four inches long, a perfect specimen of its kind. Such gifts add to the "spice" of life, and this one is much appreciated by the writer.

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Mrs. M. L. Wells, a national organizer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will deliver an address at the courthouse to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Wells is non-sectarian, and comes to us highly recommended for her beautiful and chaste oratory. The public are cordially invited, and are promised an intellectual treat.

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Notwithstanding the inclement weather, 122 "good girls" assembled at the high school on Thursday evening to draw for the Progress desk offered as a reward for perfect conduct. The enthusiasm and anxious anticipation of the eager throng, could scarcely be controlled, until all was ready for the drawing to begin. School No. 2 carried off the prize again, Little Sunshine Tullos being the lucky holder of the winning number.

Of course many little hearts were disappointed, but it was gratifying indeed to see the unselfish congratulations extended to little Sunshine upon her good fortune. As the honor of being entitled to draw for the prize is as great as to win it we publish below the names of all the girls who drew for the desk and also those of the boys who drew for the kite. It is but fair, however, to state that Prof. Dale of the boys school did not know of the offer of the prize until too late to "warn" his pupils:

LIST OF GIRLS WHO DREW FOR THE DESK.
Addie Lyon
Julia Battle
Bessie Taylor
Lily Bunker
Lizzie Lee Long
Gertrude Copeland
Edna Zodiag
Mattie Her
A. Stringfellow
Ruth Hamilton
Lucile Kahn
Ella Lambert
Ludie Berchie
A. Willoughby
Katie Lambert
Jessie Kirk
Gussie Kirk
Marge Johnson
Maggie Jordan
Nann Thomas
May Hughes
Rai Zodiag
Sallie Austin
Viola Levy
W. M. P. Person
Mable McFarland
Minnie Warring
Florence Willonby
Maggie Hawkins
Josie Lenton
Elsie Jones
Rosa Dillenberger
Minnie Howse
Fannie Goldstein
Georgie Lewis
Frankie Sherman
Mary La Coste
Pearl Peiser
Lillie Busch
Mamie Howse
Bertha Semansky
Lella Dillenberger
Ida Porath
Eva Farmer
Hardis Hargrove
Julia Hirsch
Rosa Semansky
Lella Hinkle
Manda Swartzburg
Carrie Goetschel
Ida Alston
Gessie Fisher
Bessie Guymer
Ruby Roseman
Hannah March
Mary Chew

LIST OF BOYS WHO DREW FOR THE KITE.
Lake Stallcup
DeLeon Seixas
Maxey Boazman
Boyer Wheeler
Charles F. Crane
Pincus Singlost
Joseph Singlost
Clarence Rudy
Willie Hirsch
Jake Meyers
Chas. Simpson
Walter Cook
Solomon Singlost
Geo. Dillenberger
Harry Bluestein
Howard Doll
Henry Marks
Sidney Leadman
Robert Oliver
Herman Bergman
Archie Braung
Isidore Bluestein

LIST OF GIRLS WHO DREW FOR THE KITE.
Bessie Patton
Bessie Taylor
Eula Bernstein
Sallie Harris
Sammie Long
Ferne Cole
Annie Perroncel
Lillian Dingle
Eva Bacon
Jennie Bowers
Lizzie Rutherford
Elesa Blattman
Elhel Bercher
Onie Ivey
Maud Waddill
Lizzie Lhomauer
A. M. Stevens
Mamie Busbey
Ester Roseman
Clara M. Warring
G. Dougherty
Mattie Lake
Annie Busbey
Amelia Rigdon
Josie Bacon
Mary Lechlin
Bell Phillips
Lena Hughes
Fannie Lacy
Nellie Stephens
Ida Wappler
Elsie Roseman
Maggie Wehke
Kate Ahlers
Dora Porath
Jennie Rhodes
Octavia La Coste
Marguerite Tullos
Elna Busch
Rosa Goetschel
Nettie B. Hinkle
Annie Kelley
Bessie Dreier
Resena Bergman
Almeda Bozeman
Cornelia Stille
M. Hargrove
Ida Whitmeyer
Ethel Perroncel
Aide Guymer
Lewis Crain
Bessie Stringfellow
Eva Bowers
Susie Fisher

Lacy Castle
Sallie Flournoy
Carrie Kahn
Theresa March
Lulu Wilson
Joe Alston
A. M. Her
Lucy Barker
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Three saws were found in the jail. Must echo tell who placed them there?

NOTHING DEFINITE.

To the hour of going to press the railroad committee had reached no definite conclusion in their negotiations with Messrs. Hubbel and Whitaker, but was in intercourse throughout the day. From what we can learn, however, not only is all not lost, but that there are good reasons to believe that the efforts of both sides will be unavailing.

On this part we have this to say and that is if the committee cannot come to same agreement with these gentlemen we hope they will give the citizens an opportunity to try.

FROM MR. E. C. WHITE.

THE PROGRESS is under obligations to its friend Mr. B. C. White, now of Washington, D. C., for a copy of the bound bulletins, relating to the population of the United States by minor civil divisions, as returned by the 11th census. It is something we have been wishing for for some time, and we certainly appreciate Mr. White for his kindly thought for us.

Packet protectors—Lee's Prices.

When Honesty has no time to look after public matters, Knavery has a wide field to operate in.

LOCAL MARKET.

Cotton Market.
[This report is carefully corrected on Friday evening of each week, from the most reliable sources.]

Shreveport, La., March 17.—Market closed easy.
Ordinary..... Nom'l
Good ordinary..... 7 5-8
Low middling..... 8
Middling..... 8 1/2
Good middling..... 8 5-8
The general tone of the market is lower than it was one week ago, being a general decline of 2-16.

Provisions.
Bacon—Steady at 11 1/2 c.
Dry Salt Meats—11 1/2 c.
Breakfast Bacon—15 c. by the box.
Hams—Choice canvassed sugar-cured, 15 1/2 c.
Lard—10 1/2 c. @ 13 1/2 c.

Breadstuffs.
Flour—Firm; family, \$3.50; extra fancy, \$3.75; patents, \$4.25; sacks 10c per bbl. less.
Cornmeal—Firm, \$2.50; sacks 5c per bbl. less.

Coffee and Tea.
Coffee—Firm; fair, 19c; medium grade 21c; better, 22 1/2 c. 25c.
Tea—Fair 40c; good, 50c @ 60c; fine, 75c @ 85c; finest, \$1.00 @ 1.25 per lb. by chest.

Sugar and Molasses.
Sugar—Firm; yellow clarified, 4 1/2 c. white clarified, 5 1/2 c. granulated, 5 1/2 c. Molasses—Common, 28c; prime open kettle, 35c @ 38c; choice reboiled, 28c @ 33c.

Esculents.
Onions—\$4.50 per bbl.
Beans—Navy, 5 1/2 c. per lb.
Potatoes—Eating, \$1.20 per bu.; seed, 11 pecks, \$3.25; 10 pecks, \$3.00.

Bagging and Ties.
Bagging—2 lbs. 6 1/2 c. 1 1/2 lbs. 5 1/2 c.
Twine—For baling purposes, 10 per lb. by the bale.
Iron Ties—\$1.15

Grain and Feedstuffs.
Corn—Steady; white, seed none; mixed, sacked, 56c per bu.
Hay—Timothy, \$17.50; prairie, 10.00 @ 11.50.
Oats—Firm; Texas, 43c; Western, none.

Rye—\$1.10.
Barley—\$1.00.
Bran—95c.
Chopped Corn—\$1.15 per 100 lbs.
Wheat—\$1.75.

Fruits and Nuts.
Apples—\$4.50 @ 5.00 per bbl.
Almonds—18c @ 20c per lb.
Brazil Nuts—12c per lb.
Dried Fruit—Apples, 9 1/2 c.; evaporated 11c.

Filberts—12c per lb.
Lemons—\$3.00 @ 3.50 per box.
Peanuts—Hand-picked, red, raw, 1 1/2 c. @ 5 1/2 c.; white, 5 1/2 c.; roasted, 1c higher on all grades.

Pecans—6c @ 13c per lb.
Weights—15c per lb.
Haisins—New stock, \$2.25 per box.
Oranges—Louisiana, \$2.90 @ 3.25 per box; Florida, none.

Chickens, Eggs, Butter.
Grown chickens, per doz., \$3.00 @ 3.25
Grown young chickens, 2.00
Eggs, per doz., 8c @ 10
Butter, country, per lb., 20c @ 25
Turkeys, 50c @ \$1.00

Hides and Wool.
Dry flint hides, per lb., 5 1/2 c.
Damaged, 3 1/2 c.
Dry suited, 4
Bull, 4
Goatshead, 2
Green, 2 1/2
Wet suited, 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2
Deer skins, 20
Goat skins, 20 @ 25
Sheep skins, 15c @ 25
Wax, good bright, 25c @ 30
Wool, washed, 25c @ 30
Spring, clean and unwashed, 18c @ 20
Barry and black, 10c @ 15
Tallow, in barrels, 5

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Patrick Carmody to Grandison Seed, southeast quarter of south-west quarter section 8, township 17, range 14, \$50.

T. A. Mooring to Jacob Hoss, 504 acres of land described in transfer, \$546.25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John Bis and Mary Thomas, Thomas Byard and Miss Willie C. Wright, A. H. Kroumberg and Miss A. H. Blum, Sanford Hollins and Emma Tyler, Am Armistead and Mrs. Emma Brown.

LADIES ENTERTAINMENT.

A grand entertainment for the benefit of the ladies will be given in this city to-day and several days next week. This entertainment will eclipse anything that has ever been undertaken in Shreveport. It will be inaugurated to-day and will consist of a display of the handsome stock of dress goods for Spring wear that this section of the country ever witnessed. Of course it will be under the immediate management of Messrs. Henry Dreyfuss & Son, because this firm always leads in stylish goods. But this season they are presenting something entirely new to the ladies, attractions which to look upon means to go into ecstasies over. And not only is this stock of goods a revelation to our people, but it is being sold at prices that all can easily afford to buy. Come to this entertainment, ladies, because your interests will be carefully studied by Henry Dreyfuss & Son.

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