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The town of Houma is to have  
electric lights.

We wonder if the returning of  
the political tide in Louisiana, is  
near at hand?

Guess Mayor Flower, of New  
Orleans, knows very little about  
what the United States Constitu-  
tion says about religious worship,  
or may be he thinks he is bigger  
than the Constitution.

Now we have it: Messrs. Bell,  
Alexander and Wise, of our city—  
all able lawyers—say that you  
must pay your poll-tax this year  
before December 31, or you will  
be disfranchised in the election of  
1900. Messrs. Semmes & Boatner,  
of New Orleans, as able lawyers,  
say "not so." All were members  
of the Constitutional Convention.  
Of course, The Progress will  
stick to the home men.

Velley, of The Teche, talks  
horse sense when it says:

"It takes more than a dis-  
grunted paragraphers and a few  
soreheads to make a new Demo-  
cratic leader in Congress."

But a few of our papers seem to  
think that just a few strokes of  
their pencils and off goes the head  
of Mr. Bailey.

## CHARGED WITH POISONING.

Thibodeaux Sentinel.

"On Tuesday last a colored  
woman was arrested and jailed in  
Alexandria, on a charge of having  
on November 27th, administered  
carbolic acid, or some other pow-  
erful poison to an infant child of  
B. C. Dean, mayor of Boyce,  
whom she was nursing at the  
time."

How fares the child, brother?

We guess it pays them, or they  
would not continue such proposi-  
tions, but it does seem to The Pro-  
gress that no one but a green-horn  
and youthful sucker would accept  
a proposition to advertise sewing  
machines, guns, pianos or any-  
thing else, when the newspaper  
man must make a good cash pay-  
ment, besides giving his space, in  
return for the object advertised.  
We can see how it might be a busi-  
ness proposition to accept such an  
article in exchange for advertising  
where the rates are fair; but the  
other we regard as brazen impu-  
dence.

## THAT IS RIGHT.

Send or telephone your orders for  
family groceries and feed stuff to Led-  
better Brothers. Never mind waiting to  
see if they have it. Ledbetter Brothers  
are up to date and if the article wanted  
is in Shreveport they have it.

Money to loan by W. C. Agurs.

## MARDI-GRAS FESTIVAL.

The Grand Order of the Orient  
Will Celebrate the Event  
in Shreveport.

The Grand Order of the Orient  
is making preparations for a grand  
two days' festival and parade on  
the Monday preceding, and Tues-  
day Mardi-Gras, next February.  
This will be followed by a grand  
masquerade ball on Mardi-Gras  
night.

This Order has an enviable  
prestige wherever it is established  
and the lodge in Shreveport is one  
of the most prominent of all the or-  
ganizations banded under the mystic  
rites of the Fire Worshipers.

On Friday night of last week a  
committee of arrangements was  
appointed to take charge of the  
great and interesting event. These  
were selected with great care and  
deliberation because it is the in-  
tention of the Grand Pa Di Shah  
and his royal Princes of the Orient  
to come to Shreveport in a manner  
becoming such a dignitary as his  
Eminence is.

The following worthy and confi-  
dential subjects have been named  
to carry out the wishes of His  
Royal Highness:

E. Phelps, Jr., C. D. Hicks,  
Leon I. Kahn, Julius Saenger, J.  
C. Simon, S. B. Simon, A. L. Ter-  
rell, L. Adsett, H. H. Thoms, Dr.  
S. H. Hicks, Leon Kahn, A. Saen-  
ger, W. Nolen, A. A. Clark, J. K.  
Herold and I. T. Dreyfuss.

This committee met in the Direc-  
tory Rooms of the Shreveport Mut-  
ual Building Association last  
Tuesday night and permanently  
organized for active and progres-  
sive work. Mr. E. Phelps, Jr.,  
was elected chairman, Mr. C. D.  
Hicks secretary, and Mr. S. B. Si-  
mon treasurer.

Several important sub-commit-  
tees were appointed, and these  
have gone to work with a vim.

While a most considerable sov-  
ereign, the Grand Pa Di Shah is  
at the same time an exacting one,  
and he has demanded of his sub-  
jects of our city, the Grand Order  
of the Orient, that they arrange  
for such a display and parade as  
will comport with the dignity of  
his royal position and his realm in  
the galaxy of sovereignties of the  
world.

No event in the history of  
Shreveport will excel if equal this  
great carnival. The pageant will  
be one befitting a Pa Di Shah of  
the Orient, the land of splendor  
and of rich conceptions. Our city  
will be ablaze with enthusiasm,  
and High Carnival will wield the  
scepter with lavish hand and tran-  
scendant effulgence.

In another column will be found  
the proclamation of the Grand Pa-  
Di Shah's Vice-Roys; and The  
Progress hopes our citizens will  
give due heed thereto, and con-  
tribute liberally when they are  
called upon. It will mean much  
to Shreveport; it will bring thou-  
sands here to witness the gorgeous  
pageant and carnival and to attend  
the ball.

It is also intended to have a  
trades' union and general business  
display. Every Order and organi-  
zation in the city, of whatever na-  
ture, so it be of moral standing, is  
cordially invited to take part in  
the parade.

The committee will meet again  
next Tuesday night.

## MADAM RUMOR SAYS

That Mr. Paty, of the Cumber-  
land Telephone Company, says  
that Shreveport has the longest  
phone cable of any city South of  
Mason's and Dixon's Line.

That She expects to hear a rat-  
tling of dry bones, in telephone  
circles, one of these dark days.

That it is certainly a happy  
force in politics to have a pull.  
And, by the way, it is one of the  
great wonders of the world, how  
some people acquire it too.

That some people put on a pow-  
erful lot to style over a very small  
cause or reason for it.

That a number of people are  
anxious to have two cases come  
up; that of the two telephone com-  
panies; and the one of the com-  
press vs the Cotton Belt railroad.

That if it was not for being al-  
most continually engaged in a  
lawsuit, the midget would get no  
public recognition at all, scarcely.  
She hopes however that Her  
friends E. H. Randolph and Allan  
Rendall get whole lots of "phat"  
out of the "slick artist."

That the small boys have been  
taking Christmas for a whole week

That She wonders if there will  
be a snarl in the City Council over  
the election of an Auditor.

That that are light is still, not  
on the corner of Southern avenue  
and Lacy street.

That She bets ole Santa is gwine to  
bring her editor a big cub.

That She is liable to whoop a little  
oman on Hope street, corner of Jewell.  
When did you get in?

That there will be Sunday School at  
Texas Avenue Church to-morrow, al-  
though it be Sunday.

That She ventures that Chief Nelson  
and his blue coats will hold things down  
O. K. to-day and to-morrow.

That She things the boys should be  
given a chance Christmas, so long as  
they stay within bounds.

That there will be harmony in the city  
council as soon as all begin to under-  
stand each other.

That the laying of the corner stone  
of the public school building marked an  
important epoch in Shreveport.

That Prof. Schwing is giving general  
satisfaction as assistant at the high  
school and is growing to be quite pop-  
ular.

That She hopes the city council will  
make a liberal donation to the Grand  
Order of the Orient for their Mardi-  
Gras festivities. This will be a big thing for  
Shreveport.

That She hopes the members of Texas  
Avenue Sunday School will all have a  
splendid Christmas time.

That there is no certainty whether  
there will be preaching at Texas Avenue  
Church to-morrow night or not; but Dr.  
LaPrade will be there if he can.

That She feels like wishing Chief Nel-  
son and his gallant men a merry Christ-  
mas, and She is going to do it, too. And  
the same to Chief Bresnahan and his  
fire boys.

That the Salvation Army in Shreve-  
port is doing a great work. A merry  
Christmas to Captain and Mrs. Thorp,  
and their noble band.

That She sends greeting to Lieutenant  
Stella Taylor and to Captain and Mrs.  
Bennett.

That she wonders if Lieutenant Pruitt  
is still in jail. If so, he is a thousand  
times greater than the mayor who put  
him there.

That She sends a greeting to Mayor  
McKellar, too. He has a hard road to  
travel.

That Bernstein, Scott and Allen make  
a team that is hard to beat; and Agurs  
is no slouch.

That Hon. A. S. Toombs is all right  
and The Progress is his friend.

That J. L. Danbreun is a safe man in  
the council. Like all officials who have  
heads of their own, he is liable to get a  
"cuesin' out," but he can stand that.

That many a lop-eared mule has  
placed himself in front of a horse; but  
he was the same old lop-eared mule.

That the jaybird is like a whole lot of  
folks: It makes a powerful heap o' noise,  
but don't amount to very much.

That Her editor "dasn't git on a whizz  
this Christmas, kase he's got to be at  
Sunday School."

## HELP THE PRINTER GIRL.

The New Orleans City Item has  
offered a prize of a piano for the  
most enterprising girl in the  
State, to be settled by ballot of  
coupons clipped from that paper.  
There has entered the contest  
Miss Ferdie Trichel, a pretty, win-  
some printer girl of Leesville. For  
her graces, her pluck and her  
merits, besides being one of the  
craft, The Progress thinks that  
every newspaper and every printer  
in the State should enter the lists  
as her champion, and see to it  
that she gets the piano.

The Progress does its part to  
the plucky and pretty Miss, and  
promises to do its best in her be-  
half.

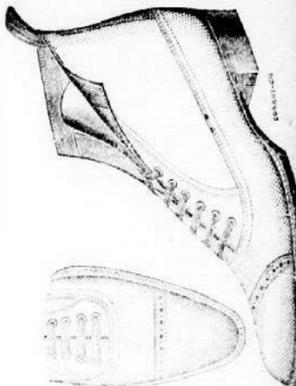
## RAILROAD COMMISSION OR- GANIZED.

Thibodeaux Sentinel.  
The Railroad Commission was  
organized in Baton Rouge during  
the latter part of last week. Com-  
missioner DeFuentes was chosen  
president, and Arthur J. O'Shaun-  
essey, of New Orleans, appointed  
as secretary.

The drawing for the terms re-  
sulted as follows: Commissioner  
DeFuentes drew the six year term,  
Commissioner Sims, the four year,  
and Commissioner Foster the two  
year term.

The commission will be ready  
for business at its next meeting  
in January.

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7 dozen silk skirts for \$5.50 each.  
4 dozen satin skirts for \$7.50 each.  
500 capes from 50c to \$12.00.  
A beautiful line of dress goods from  
7 1-2 to \$1.25 per yard.  
50 pieces outing at 1 1-2c.  
School suits from 75c to \$3.50.  
A nice line of boys' caps.  
School shoes for boys from 75c to  
\$1.25.  
100 pieces of cloth at 1 1-2c.

25 dozen kid gloves at 90c.  
We have our new styles of ladies'  
trimmed hats ready for inspec-  
tion. Price and quality can't be  
beat.  
50 pieces 4-4 bleaching at 4c.  
100 pieces 4-4 Sea Island at 4c.  
150 pieces stripes, 3 1-4c, 4c and 5c.  
Mens' all-wool suits, \$4.50, 6.00 and  
\$7.00.  
Mens' wool undershirts, 75c.  
Mens' wool drawers, 75c.

Men's heavy cotton undershirts, 25c  
Men's hose, 5c, 10c and 15c.  
Ladies' hose, 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c.  
Children's and misses jackets at  
very small prices.  
We have an all-wool overshirt at  
\$1.00.  
Jeans, 10c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c  
per yard.  
1 lot of comforts, 50c, 75c, \$1, 1.50  
and 1.75 each.

1 lot of white and gray blankets,  
75c, \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2, and 2.50 each.  
12 pcs black silk, \$1 goods, for 60c.  
9 pieces black satin at 45c.  
**CLOTHING**  
Men's suits, wool, \$5.50 to 11.00.  
Men's suits, fancy colors, \$2.50 to 4.  
All-wool men's pants, \$2.25.  
A nice line striped pants, \$1.25 to  
\$1.65.

**SHOES**  
Men's calf bals. shoes at 90c to  
\$1.25.  
Hand-made shoes, congress and  
bal., \$2.87.  
Ladies button and lace shoes, 90c  
to \$2.10.  
Baby shoes, 25c.  
Misses' shoes, button and lace, 50c  
to \$1.  
30 pieces cotton flannel at 4c.  
40 pieces cotton flannel, heavy, 7c.