

### Ice again Monday.

The street sprinkler has been in necessary demand here this week.

Our friend, Mr August Erickson, has moved his store around on Louisiana street.

The Progress is making no complaint, but some splendid weather is being wasted while the Texas avenue paving lies dormant.

The grass in the yard of Mr. C. S. Steere burning Tuesday at noon made the fire department get a hump on itself. But the ground had been saved before the boys got there.

There was almost a total eclipse of the moon Tuesday night until after 10 o'clock.

The insurance adjusters have been in the city this week, settling the losses of the last big fire.

The man who can tell how much the other fellow ought to give, is as numerous in Shreveport as elsewhere.

Beautiful, clear, lovely, but improperly expresses the kind of nights we have had lately.

The Grand Order of the Orient is the coming lodge in Shreveport.

That's all right.

The Progress is under obligations to its friend, Mr. Y. V. Peyton, for the editor's Christmas turkey.

Go to Wagner Bros for fine, choice meats, neatly Dressed and cut to suit your taste.

City Market House.

Town Talk says that the oldest house in Alexandria was burned Christmas morning at 2 o'clock.

Which Was It?

Either the moon or sun or our editor was on a bender last Tuesday morning. Because we either saw the moon still trying to shine round and full after daylight; or the sun was trying to rise from the West—or—we had 'em.

Preaching at Texas Avenue.

The new pastor of Texas Avenue church arrived last Saturday, and he preached at his church Sunday morning.

There will be regular services to-morrow, morning and evening. Also the usual prayer service next Friday evening at half past 7 o'clock.

Look at the diamond rings Carter is selling for two dollars. Higher priced ones of course.

Come out to Texas avenue Methodist Sunday school to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock. You will receive a cordial welcome.

Handsome Calendar.

The Progress is indebted to Messrs. Swift & Co., porkers of Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph and St. Paul for a handsome calendar for the coming year. This was the courtesy of the Kansas City house and they will please accept our earnest thanks.

Two young boys, Eddie Lambert and Sonny Armistead, aged 7 and 9 respectively, engaged in the rather rough play of shooting at each other with air-guns Wednesday, and Sonny was painfully wounded on the lip. Dangerous play, boys.

At Parkview.

The Christmas tree and exercises at Parkview Baptist Sunday Tuesday night were interesting and instructive. The tree was beautiful and received commendations from the audience which were exceedingly complimentary and encouraging to the faithful workers in that portion of our Master's Vineyard.

The superintendent, Mr. W. E. Davis, is an earnest Christian, consecrated to God's work and he and his faithful band are doing much good for the general morale of that community.

Our editor regrets that he could not be present, but committee work connected with the coming Mardi Gras festival absolutely prevented,

### Appreciated Words.

The progress deeply appreciates the kind words which are contained in the appended note. They come from the heart of a gentleman, a brave and true man. It is such as this which has ever encouraged The Progress in its efforts to speak for the public good. Greenwood, La., Dec. 28.—Friend C. D. Hicks: Enclosed find \$1.00 for continuance of your valuable paper, "The Progress." I like you simply because you are so frank and concise, too. I observe that you hew to the line let the chips fall where they may. Wishing you and yours a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, I am as ever your friend sincerely, F. L. J.

A good kodak is worth having with you. Carter sells them from five dollars up.

Our old friend, though a very young man, Mr. Eddie Howse, is in the city spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Howse, and his brothers and sisters. Ed learned his trade, as a boy, in The Progress office, and the friendship which sprung between the boy apprentice and our editor has continued to the present day. The Progress tenders him the compliments of the season.

### Rubber Stamps!

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### BEN HOLZMAN TALKS SENSE

I want first to express myself about the coming Mardi Gras celebration in Shreveport. I am satisfied that it is going to be one of the of the biggest events that the town has ever seen. I always back up my words by my acts and have contributed several days of my personal services to aid the Viceroys of His Royal Highness, Co-Phicia, the Grand Pa Di Shah of the Princes of the Orient. The people are coming; I feel satisfied of that. And I want to say to them that when they do come I know they will want to look neat, dressy and in style; and I can furnish any and all with everything necessary. I mean this talk for our town people, too. They will, of course, want to do the honors in a manner befitting the host city, and I assure them that I have just what they want. In fact, now is a splendid opportunity to buy. It is stock taking time, and I would much rather sell the goods than list them in stock. While every prudent merchant takes stock, I would infinitely prefer to sell my winter goods at a close figure now, than run the risk of having to hold some over. And I have a splendid selection. I have an assortment of ladies' dress goods, underwear, hosiery, shoes and gloves that will satisfy the most fastidious. In dressy bric-a-brac such as fancy and chaste ribbons, laces and general trimmings for ladies, misses and girls I yield to no one. And in men and boys wear it is the same. Ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, hats, hose, collars and cuffs, with underwear and shirts of all kinds. The winter is now half over, but still our coldest weather is yet to come. However, I will sell my stock of overcoats, ladies' shawls and wraps, and my stock of bed covering at greatly reduced prices; rather than hold them over. In plainer words, it is now dull times and I am in a cheap humor and if the people will come to see me now, they will get some splendid bargains.

BEN HOLZMAN.

Some parts of the country haven't heard of ice and snow here yet. They are even talking of yellow fever. Guess they are filing their applications for a quarantine job next year. We hope Caffery's bill will muzzle them.

What you Can't find at Carter's for a Christmas gift you certainly don't want.

### The United Workmen.

Louisiana Lodge No. 1, Ancient Order of United Workmen held its yearly election Tuesday night by selecting the following officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. L. Busby, Master Workman; Mr. Charles Leadman, financier; Mr. L. S. Crain, recorder; Paul Lowenthal, receiver; M. Booher, guide; J. Elle, foreman; E. Pate, overseer; F. R. Hicks, watchman; John W. Tabor, trustee; Drs. D. H. Billie and S. H. Hicks, medical examiners.

### The Triple Linkers.

Neith Lodge No. 21, Independent Order of Odd Fellows held their semi-annual and annual election last Wednesday night, and chose the following officers: Mr. Archie Clark, Noble Grand; Mr. John Arthur, Vice-Grand; Mr. E. J. Kassel, Secretary; Mr. W. C. Perrin, Treasurer, and Dr. S. H. Hicks and Mr. R. Mandel, Representatives to the Grand Lodge.

This is one of the strongest secret orders in the city, and is composed of progressive men.

### Tobtem of the Eagle.

Pontiac Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men chose its chiefs Wednesday night in the personnel of the following: Frank Serwisch, Prophet; Michael Bernstein, Sachem; J. L. Busby, Senior Sagamore; Wm. Schutt, Junior Sagamore; Julius Bernstein, Chief of Records and Sam Dreyfuss, Keeper of Wampum.

Redmanship is a noble institution and Pontiac Tribe of this city is the same old strong organization it always was.

The Progress regrets that the residence of Mr. C. O. Cayle, of Benton, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. An entertainment was in progress there when the building caught. Mr. Cayle's loss is estimated at \$3,000, with no insurance.

The adjacent residences of Messrs. B. A. Kelly and J. H. Gaben were in imminent peril, but were saved by the efforts of the neighbors.

### Generous Act.

It has leaked out that Messrs. Bigart & Co. paid all their clerks and employees their regular salaries for December, the same as if there had been no fire.

Of course this was a private matter, but The Progress believes in telling the world of these acts of generosity. We shall soon all pass away, and,

"Can storied urn or animated bust,  
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