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**SATURDAY February 4, 1899.**  
**CARDS AT MARRIAGES.**

Last Sunday the priest have made some remarks concerning the large gathering of people at the Catholic church at marriages, and about the misbehavior of the people in the temple of God on such occasions.

The Messenger has more than once remonstrated with the ladies, who in their wild curiosity block and impede the entrance of the church, which, is entirely out of place, if the guests would remain seated in the pews they would have a better view of the bridal party, than to gather in mob-like crowds at the entrance of the church.

This abuse coupled with the wild going and coming from place to place in the church, the wild criticism, laughter etc., has decided the priests to announce that now on, no one will be allowed in the church at marriages unless they hold an invitation card. This decision, we believe is just and proper, because a marriage is a private affair, and the contracting parties have a right to invite only the persons they desire, and not have the church full of curious.

**\$100 Reward \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. It is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure.

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F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.  
Sold by druggists, price 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

**The Emma Warren Company**

—The Emma Warren theatre company filled a week's engagement here, and every night had a full house. The company is a good one, we are sure none better are on the road, and their music, band and orchestra, is a real treat. This company has given entire satisfaction.

Monday, that magnificent Drama, Michael Strogoff was splendidly rendered.

Tuesday, The Bells, tragedy drama, with Mr. Owen as Mathias was a perfect success.

Wednesday, was the laughing day, Too Many Tomkins was played, and it kept the audience in good humor all the time.

Thursday, Married in Haste, a pretty play was well rendered, and highly appreciated.

Friday night—was Camille the beautiful French society play, in five acts, it was well rendered.

Saturday night—East Lynne.

Sunday night—Lady Audley's Secret.

**An Uncertain Disease.**  
There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter under what disguise dyspepsia attacks you, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. For sale by "All Dealers."

**Diversification In Georgia.**

Texas Farm and Ranch.

A few years ago, and before cotton had become so disreputable in the markets as it is now, the agricultural department of the State of Georgia attempted to learn which was the most prosperous county in the State, measured by the bank deposits of the farmers. This banner county was Brooks, down on the Florida line. The farmers had deposited in the banks of Quitman, the county seat, more than \$200,000, and it was not cotton money, either, but the proceeds of home-made bacon, beef, fruit, vegetables and syrup from sugar cane. The adjoining county of Lowndes contained at the same time the wealthiest town of its population then in the United States. The products of Lowndes were similar to those of Brooks, with a valuable Sea Island cotton added. At the same time the farmers of these counties were so prosperous, the Atlanta Constitution reported the strictly corn and cotton counties in a bad way financially, with their county sites and public buildings in an advanced state of dilapidation. Generally, it is attention to the small things of the farm that tells at the end of the year. A neighbor of the writer who kept a flock of geese for the special purpose of paying his taxes, is a case in point. During the financial stringency which was in full force in 1897, when this man's neighbors were taking the milch cows from their pens and selling them for \$7.50 in order to pay their taxes, the writer paid the goose man \$21 for 42 pounds of goose feathers. The same farmer also kept a small flock of sheep and required them to pay his store bills in full. Judicious diversification is what is need to relieve the existing pressure, not injudicious diversification. Any diversification whatever would be injudicious for some people. They are simply out of place on a farm, and would probably do better elsewhere. There is no danger as some seem to fear that diversity will be overdone. The danger seems to be that with all the effects made in that behalf it will not be done enough.

**For Sale—Cheap.**

One large Stalley Pat. Wagon. One Plantation cane cart. One heavy, family horse (gentle guaranteed). One Texas mule. Apply to  
**GAB. GARDEMAL.**

The Southern Pacific will sell tickets to New Orleans and return on February 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, at rate of one fare. Tickets good for return up to and including February 24th. Children under 12 years of age half adult fair.

**An Honest Medicine For La Grippe.**

George W. Wait of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50 cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by T. J. Labbe.

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—OF—  
**KING PROGRESS**  
—OF—

ALL THE CROWN DUKES AND TO  
ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE REALM.

Greeting:

Our great and mighty potentate, King Progress, has received with the greatest pleasure, your report of your reception, as his Vice-Roys, by the big hearted and wide awake citizens of St. Martinville, a town of which he has grown very fond. Upon the reception of your report, King Progress convened his court and Council, and laid the matter before that Great and August Tribunal. Its contents aroused wonderful enthusiasm, and it was the unanimous opinion that King Progress and Court, should, at once, issue his Royal Decree to all provinces of his Realm, commanding the Crown Dukes to bid their officials of Court to prepare to join their sovereign in a Royal Visit to St. Martinville, in a manner and splendor befitting his own magnificent Domain and Dynasty; and the generosity and culture of that town.

Herald and proclaim this decree and glad tidings in every part of our sovereign Realm.

Invite all loyal subjects to decorate their carriages, with flowers, and invite the ladies to ride in the procession which will be formed at my arrival in the lovely city of the Teche at 1 o'clock p. m., Mardi Gras, which will be followed by a second grand, gorgeous display at 6 o'clock p. m., after which his Royal Highness will hold a grand, brilliant reception at Duchamp's hall.

You may therefore, announce to His Excellency, T. J. Labbe, Lord Mayor of St. Martinville, that his Majesty will arrive in St. Martinville, on Mardi Gras, 1 o'clock p. m., to entertain the good people the whole of that day.

By decree of

**KING PROGRESS.**

Attest: **COMMERCE,**

Secretary.

**Dangers of the Grip.**

The greatest danger from La Grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. — For Sale by T. J. Labbe.

—The Valley of the Teche, with its last issue entered upon its seventh year. The Valley is without doubt, the best paper that ever was published in Breau Bridge, and it is the best friend Breau Bridge and its people ever had, and yet, it does not get the proper support from its people, because it complains that some printing that can be done in its office is sent to New Iberia. A newspaper, which is a business enterprise as well as a store or anything else should not expect favors from any one, but as a home enterprise it is legitimate for it to solicit the patronage of the people of the town in which it is published. A person should not get some printing done simply to support the printing shop, but when he has printing to be done, if the work at home is as good and as cheap, the job should remain at home, not for the sake of supporting the printing office, but simply upon business principle, that no town will prosper if its people trade with outside towns, and Breau Bridge is no exception. We trust the Valley will educate its people to good business principle, and that it may live long and prosper.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy In Chicago.**

Higgen Bros, the popular South Side druggists, corner 69th-st, and Wentworth-av., says: "We sell a great deal of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and find that it gives the most satisfactory results, especially among children for severe colds and croup." For sale by T. J. Labbe.

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**WAS TOO STRONG**  
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**A COMPLETE STOCK**  
**FRESH GOODS.**

**AND ABSOLUTELY THE LOWEST PRICES.**

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**L. J. GARDEMAL,**

**THE CHEAPEST STORE IN TOWN.**

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Shingles and 3 feet Boards,  
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Manager of the Hall & Burdin's saw mill, announces to their customers and the public, that they will keep a full stock of lumber and shingles, flooring, ceiling, siding, finishing, etc., in cypress and pine lumber.

The loss of their mill by fire will not stop their lumber business, nor change their price and terms.