

## Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

### Next meeting:

The next meeting will be the annual meeting with election of officers for the next fiscal year. Final voting and counting of votes will follow the regular business meeting. A field trip arranged by VP Greg Barron will follow the meeting and election.

### AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the May 7, 2016 meeting

**Draft**

The brief May meeting was called to order at 8:45am. Mary Ann Gerhardt represented the Nominating Committee and presented the slate of officers. No nominations from the floor were made. The Nominating Committee recommended: President--Dawn Taylor; VP--Greg Barron; Treasurer--Gay Blalock; Secretary--Wayne Anderson; Board Member at Large--Allen Terrell. A motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Sam King and second by Terry Ferguson. The motion carried. A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Sam King and second by David Dryer. The motion carried.

### Future Meeting Schedule

**June 11, 2016** — Annual meeting with election of officers in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**July 2016** — Traditionally the society has not met in July. If this should change, appropriate changes will be made in this schedule.

**August 13, 2016** — Regularly monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**September 10, 2016** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**October 8, 2016** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**November 12, 2016** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**December 3, 2016** — Annual Open House. Details to be announced.

**January 14, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**February 11, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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### Field Trip Following June Meeting

Following the June business meeting and conclusion of the election, interested society members are invited to participate in a field trip for viewing and dating a home for a Mr. Hughes. The home is located near Ebenezer Church.

There has been much speculation by members about this home and genealogical heritage. The visit will hopefully prove or disprove certain details.

## BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

This month we take a look at some things that were considered newsworthy in the *Southern Herald's* final issues in each of the years 1899 and 1900. These years were considered to see if the passing from the nineteenth to twentieth centuries had any discussion of ideas or superstitions akin to those seen in the Y2K phenomena. Both years were checked since there is always disagreement on when a new century begins, that is, did the twentieth century begin with 1900 or 1901?

Apparently no one thought the advance of time into a new century was significant since no mention of it in either issue.

A few interesting things were found though, and are either reproduced as scanned graphics or transcribed below.

### **From the December 29, 1899, issue**

Editor's comment: Was L. M. & F. C. the Liberty Male & Female College?

#### **PUBLIC DEBATE The Young Men of the L. M. & F. C. Will Entertain the Public on the Night of the 1st.**

There will be a public debate in Liberty on Monday night, Jan. 1st, 1900, between the boys of the L. M. & F. C., on the subject "Resolved that the Southern states had a right to secede from the Union." The affirmative side will be represented by Messrs. L. M. Causey, E. M. Causey and J. D. Lea, while the negative side will be represented by Messrs. V. O. Stewart, R. D. Causey and Lamar Webb. The debate will commence at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free.

**You Are A Democrat**  
and, of course, want a democratic newspaper. **THE CHICAGO DISPATCH** is the Great Democratic Weekly Newspaper of the Country. It advocates the readoption of the Chicago platform and the renomination of William Jennings Bryan. There has never been a political campaign that will equal in importance that of the one to be fought next year. The republican party, backed by the money power of this country and Europe, is alert and aggressive. Flushed with the victory of three years ago it will seek by every means in its power to maintain its supremacy.

Editor's Note: Apparently Chicago was a hotbed of Democrats even back at the beginning of the twentieth cen-

Democrats must be up and doing. They must wage an unceasing war upon their enemies. In no better and more effective way can this be done than by the circulation of good, sound democratic newspapers. The publisher of **THE DISPATCH** will send to every new subscriber for three months a copy of **THE CHICAGO DISPATCH** for ten cents. If you are not already taking this great political weekly, send ten cents at once. You should not only do this yourself, but you should induce all your friends to join with you. By a little effort you can easily raise a club of ten or twenty subscribers.

**THE CHICAGO DISPATCH** is endorsed by William Jennings Bryan and other Democratic leaders. Address

**THE CHICAGO DISPATCH,**  
102 and 122 5th Avenue,

**The Southern Herald**

Liberty, Miss., December 29, 1899

The Christmas Tree was quite a success.

Mr. Sitman Stewart is spending the Holidays at home.

Mr. Robt. A. Robinson, of Gloster, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Robert Dixon is spending the week in McComb City.

Mr. Odis Jenkins, of Gloster, visited relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Smylie and children are visiting relative in Jackson, La.

Mrs. Bessie Butler is spending the holidays with the "old folks at home."

The young people have enjoyed themselves at several social gatherings this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Turnipseed of McComb are spending the week with (*unreadable*).

Mr. W. H. Carroll, wife and child of Gloster, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Havis (?) and children, of Vicksburg, are visiting relatives in and near our town.

Mrs. R. F. Owens was quite sick the early part of the week, but we are glad to state that she is much improved.

Miss Jessie Johnson, the efficient music teacher of the L. M. & F. C., is spending the week in Gloster visiting friends.

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The public debate which was to have taken place at the College last Friday night was postponed until Monday night, Jan. 1st, 1900.

The tax books of the town of Liberty are now open and all parties are requested to come forward and pay their taxes.

Chas. Carroll, Mayor

Misses Bessie Bates and Lizzie Stewart are spending the week in Jackson, Miss., this week, the guest of Miss Stewart's sister, Mrs. A. W. McLelland.

Miss Stella Ratcliff and Mary Webb and Mr. Merrick Ratcliff, of McComb City; Mr. R. W. Brown of Fernwood; and Mr. E. A. Causey of Magnolia, all formerly of Liberty, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives and friends here.

Revs. R. A. Breland and J. F. Gray returned last week to Vicksburg, where they have been attending the Methodist Conference which has been in session at that place. We are pleased to say that they will serve the people of this district another year.

C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers opposite the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C., who have actual clients in every city and town of the United States and Canada report that never before in their 25 years practice has the work of the Office been so well up-to-date. They claim that patents can now be procured in less than half the time formerly required.

From same column near bottom of page, guest article about Baptist Church.

**Encouraging.**

We have cause for sincere gratitude to God for another good year's work with the Baptist church of Liberty. Congregations have been good indeed, and the general interest most gratifying. The church pays a good salary and has adopted the plan of quarterly payment for the coming year. Frequent expressions of approval and satisfaction are made concerning the pastor's work, for which he is devoutly thankful and which he greatly appreciates. May showers of blessings continue to fall on these good people, together with every soul in town and community.

12-18-'99) T. C. SCHILLING.

From the bottom of page 2 of this issue. Included for the odd way in which the paper's advertisement for its printing services was presented. I have never seen articles or ads turned on their sides.

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**HERALD OFFICE.**  
**Commercial Herald.**  
The Daily and Weekly Com-  
mercial Herald, printed at Vicks-  
burg, Miss. The Daily is the lead-  
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the full Associated Press dispatches  
over its own leased wires by a  
special operator.

**Terms of the Daily:**  
1 year . . . \$8 00  
6 months . . . 4 00  
3 months . . . 2 00  
1 month . . . 75

The Weekly is issued every  
Friday, and is a comprehensiv-  
review of all important events cul-  
ed from the State and Metropolita-  
papers up to the time of going to  
press.

**Terms of the Weekly**  
1 year . . . \$1 00  
6 months . . . 50  
3 months . . . 25

Invariably in advance.  
Sample copies of the Daily or  
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AND CIGARS.  
RED, WHITE  
AND  
BLUE STORE,  
Liberty, Miss.**

Does anyone have information on where this store was

This appears to be another of the advertisements masquerading as a news article.

**An Odd  
Trade Mark  
And It's Origin.**



The above singular combination is the trade-mark adopted by the Paris Medicine Company of St. Louis and is used in their advertisements of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. To the many people who may be interested to know the origin of this odd trade-mark, the following information is given:

In the spring of 1833, the little two year old son of Mr. E. W. Grove was taken quite sick with malaria. Mr. Grove, knowing the virtue of his own medicine, commenced giving him Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. He had taken this prescription only a few days until quite a favorable change was noted, in fact, he grew so rosy, healthy and plump, that Mrs. Grove in describing his condition to her husband, remarked "Grove's Tonic makes our baby as fat as a pig". This led Mr. Grove to thinking that the expression "as fat as pigs" used in connection with babies, was a very common one, and suggested to him the idea of combining a child's face with a pig's body, with wording as above. "Grove's Tonic makes children as fat as pigs". It is an attractive trade-mark, and the remedy it represents—Grove's Tonic—is regarded by the public as being the very best prescription for Malaria, Chills and Fever. The record of the Paris Medicine Company shows that Nine Thousand gross—Ninety carloads—of Grove's Tonic have been sold this year from Jan. 1st, 1900, and as "orders are truly a good index of a medicine's worth" no one can doubt the virtue of Grove's Tonic. Druggists all sell Grove's Tonic on a no cure, no pay basis, for fifty cents a bottle.

**The Needed Lesson That Was Given a  
Fault Finding Poultry  
Dealer.**

During last Thanksgiving week a poultryman of the northwest sent several barrelfuls of fat, dressed turkeys to a certain commission merchant, who is an extremely "close buyer" and never fails when he receives a consignment to claim an allowance for something alleged to have spoiled on the way. Heretofore, says the San Francisco Argonaut, he had dealt exclusively in live fowls, and probably the correspondence clerk got things mixed. At any rate the shipper was astonished to receive a letter by return mail about as follows:

"Dear Sir: We regret to advise you that four of the turkeys in your consignment of November reached here dead. Please make deduction for same and return correct amount. Yours truly."

The poultryman communed with himself and replied thus:

"Dear Sir: I am sorry to say I find it impossible to make the concession requested. I have established a rule requiring all customers who desire live dressed turkeys to notify us in advance, so we can send them in heated cars. Turkeys without feathers and insides are liable to catch cold if shipped in the ordinary manner. The mortality among dressed turkeys was very large this year. Yours mournfully."

**With a Few Notes from His Chest He  
Illustrated the Value of  
His Singing.**

A favorite story of the late Sims Reeves tells how, once upon a time, the famous tenor was stranded at a country junction, waiting for a train. It was cold and miserable and the singer was naturally not in the best of temper. While chewing the cud of disappointment an old railway porter, who recognized him from the published portraits, entered the waiting-room.

"Good evening, Mr. Reeves," he said.

"Good evening, my man," replied the vocalist, getting ready the necessary tip. But the man sought for information rather than tips.

"They tell me you earn a heap of money," he remarked.

"Oh!" murmured Mr. Reeves.

"And yet," pursued the porter, "you don't work hard. Not so hard as I do, for instance. But I dessay you earn—p'raps ten times what I do—eh?"

"What do you earn?" asked the singer.

"Eighteen shillings a week all the year round," said the porter.

Sims Reeves opened his chest: "Do re, mi do!" he sang, the last note being a ringing top one. "There, my man; there's your year's salary gone!"

## Contributions

If members have information they would like to contribute, please feel free to offer it by contacting me at one of the addresses shown in the box on page 2. I will not be able to accept/use just anything submitted. If information is sent by e-mail, it must be in the body of the message, in a *MS Word* document, or in a PDF document. If images of documents are sent they must be in JPG format so that I can attempt to convert them to text via an optical character reading application. If information is sent by postal mail, it should be in typewritten text, not handwritten, and should be a copy that doesn't have to be returned. Since about half our members receive the newsletter by print copy and the copying process will not adequately display photos, I cannot illustrate text write-ups. If photos are sent, do so only by electronic files in JPG format but don't assume the photos will appear in the newsletter. Photos sent in this manner may sometimes be put on the society's Facebook group page if they are likely to have wide appeal. I realize these criteria may prevent the sharing of some information; however, I must place some limits on the amount of time I devote to the newsletter each month since I have other projects including another monthly newsletter that I work on periodically.

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