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COVINGTON, LA. :

Saturday, February 12, 1881.

Parish Warrants of 1880, good for the taxes of 1880, for sale at this office.

Jona says the great scarcity of game is probably caused by its absence. Deer experience has made Jona a wise bird.

The town of Manchac, La., was destroyed by the late storm, every house being blown down. No lives lost.

Jona, of the Gretna Courier, while out catching drift-wood the other day, caught a cold, and now he's on the sick list.

Baton Rouge is on the high road to prosperity and future greatness. The citizens are now devoting their attention to building railroads, and a bank has been started—keno bank.

Congressman Robertson has our thanks for a copy of the new apportionment bill under the late census. It contains tables showing what the apportionment for each State will be, upon a basis of 293 members.

The Atchafalaya river gets an appropriation of \$1500 in the river and harbor improvement bill. This was a surprise to everybody here, as there appears to be no special need for this work. What our people want is a small appropriation for the Bogue Falia, from the Tchefuncta river to Covington, so as to enable the Lake steamers to come up to our wharf, instead of stopping at Old Landing. There seems to be a popular error, that Covington is on the Tchefuncta river, instead of the Bogue Falia. Owing to this mistake the Tchefuncta once got the benefit of an appropriation that was intended for the Bogue Falia, and it looks as though the same mistake is about to occur again. We hope Congressman Robertson will investigate this matter, and if the appropriation was intended for the Bogue Falia, the correction may yet be made before the river and harbor bill is passed.

We are in receipt of the Seed Catalogue of David Landreth & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. This firm, established in 1784, is the oldest nursery in the United States, and is known for square root and Rural Register, and is an improvement on the old ones; their seed is of the best.

Mr. Chas. Davis has established a ferry across the Bogue Falia, at the Old Ferry Landing, near the schooner wharf, and solicits the patronage of the public. He will give a free excursion to the citizens of Covington to-morrow. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit the beautiful groves on the other shore, and if the weather is favorable, we predict that Charlie will do a big passenger business. See his advertisement, in another column.

TELEGRAPH LINE.

What has become of the Covington and Ponchatoula Telegraph Company? We have heard nothing of it since last May, when a meeting was held and permanent officers elected. Although a sufficient amount of stock was subscribed to build the line, it was decided to postpone further proceedings until it could be ascertained whether or not the Northeastern Railroad Company would build a line. It is pretty safe to presume that that projected railroad has "gone glimmering," and our company should now take the matter in hand and have the line built without further useless delay. The cost is but a trifle, when compared to the great benefit it will be to the town. A telegraph line would have been a great convenience during the past week, when we were temporarily cut off from the outside world, and we venture to say that the telegraph would be found very useful at all times during the year. We hope this subject will receive the attention which its importance deserves, for in that case the line will soon be built.

MARDI GRAS.

Active preparations are being made for a grand Mardi Gras celebration in Covington this year. The street parade will be one of unusual attraction, while the ball at the Courthouse will be such as to fully sustain Covington's past reputation in such matters. The merry King REX commands the attendance of all his loyal subjects on that day, to witness his entrance into his chosen Capital, and the princely pageant that will accompany him. The ladies' invitations to the Rex ball will be issued in a few days. The sale of gentlemen's tickets, price fifty cents, will probably commence next week.

All lovers of fun should not fail to come to Covington on Mardi Gras day. There will be amusement enough for all, and some to spare.

What kind of weather are we going to have next? We have recently had about all the different varieties noted in the Almanac, except clear weather. It is true, to-day is clear and pleasant, with just enough "cool" in it to make it bracing. But we must have more than one day of this kind before we can be induced to say a word in its favor. It is said that "whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad." If that is the case, this would be a good time for the fulfillment of Mother Shipton's prophecy, for we believe that a large majority of the people are in a proper state of mind at present to meet the climax. The seventeen year locusts will be along in a few weeks, and they will probably be followed by the destruction of the world, after which we may look for a long spell of "settled weather."

And now the sounds of the hammer and saw are heard in all directions, and fence repairing is the order of the day. A gentleman has suggested to us that if the "hog ordinance" was suspended for a few weeks, many of the old rotten fences, instead of being patched up, would be replaced by new ones. This would doubtless improve the general appearance of our naturally beautiful town, and we recommend the matter the thoughtful consideration of the Council.

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A stray flock of sheep has been hibernating in Covington since the late elementary unpleasantness.

Mr. Zack Strain has established a ferry across the Bogue Falia, near the site of the late lamented "big bridge."

We understand that a meeting of the Washington and St. Tammany Transportation Company will be held in a short time.

There has been an unusual scarcity of wild ducks this season in this vicinity. Other kinds of ducks appear to be plentiful, however.

A meeting of the School Board will be held to-day, when the time will probably be fixed for opening the public schools in this parish.

A special meeting of the Police Jury is called for Monday, the 21st inst. A full attendance is requested, as urgent business will transacted.

Yesterday was the day for opening the bids for repairing the streets. We have not yet learned who the fortunate contractors were nor the amounts bid.

The new bridge across the Tchefuncta is still standing, but one end of it was washed about a foot from its foundation. A few hours work will put in good order again.

The delinquent tax list contains the names of a great many persons who are not subscribers to the FARMER. In fact, we had no idea there were so many strangers living in the parish.

The stage drivers are getting ready for the summer campaign. We happened into Mr. Loss's the other day, when he informed us that he was building three new stages.

The schooner F. M. Pippo, which was due from New Orleans Sunday night, arrived Friday morning. The storm and high water in the river was the cause of her delay. She brought a good list of assorted freight.

Our farmers are now purchasing fertilizers and making preparations for the next crop. A few weeks of favorable weather will set the agricultural ball in motion. If it is true that a good crop always follows a severe winter, we may look for astonishing results this year.

The steamer New Camelia arrived last Sunday night, instead of Saturday, her regular night. Owing to the high water and swift current in the river, she was unable to leave Old Landing until Tuesday morning. She returned again Thursday evening, bringing five days' mail from New Orleans.

The miserable weather this week has had a depressing effect upon all kinds of business. It was impossible for us to make much headway during the first two or three days and consequently it is issue of the FARMER presents a comparatively small crop of reading matter. We shared in the general demoralization which made its influence felt everywhere.

The sidewalks on both sides of Boston street, between Florida and Kemper, have been used as public highways by horsemen, ever since the street was closed for repairs, and the consequence is they are so badly cut up in some places as to be nearly impassable for pedestrians. This is decidedly wrong and should not be permitted. We suggest that hereafter, when a street is closed for repairs, the sidewalks also be closed, except for the use of travelers "on foot." His Honor should instruct the contractors to this effect, and Chief of Police Reagan should be instructed to put a stop to the nuisance at once, before the sidewalks are all ruined. If there is no ordinance to this effect, the Town Council ought to adopt one at its next meeting.

—Reed's Gilt Edge Tongue—

The Storm.

A RISE OF TWELVE FEET IN THE BOGUE FALIA.

THE "BIG BRIDGE" AT COVINGTON WASHED AWAY.

SEVERAL OTHER BRIDGES GONE.

A severe and destructive storm raged in this vicinity during the early part of the week, which did considerable damage to property. It commenced raining Saturday evening and continued during the night and Sunday. The heaviest rainfall occurred Sunday evening, when for a short time it came down in torrents. A strong southerly wind, amounting almost to a gale, prevailed during Sunday night, causing the water from the lake to back up into the river, and this, together with heavy rainfall, caused a sudden rise in the river. Some time during Sunday night the big bridge across the Bogue Falia was washed away. At daylight, Monday morning, the river was about twelve feet above its ordinary level. It commenced falling about seven o'clock, and by Thursday morning was nearly down to its ordinary stage, although the rain has continued at intervals ever since Saturday, and judging from present appearances, "there's plenty more where it came from."

The bridge at Capt. Miller's, near the big bridge, which was floating about during the high water, was left high and dry in the road, when the water receded, about twenty feet from its bed. A force of workmen are now engaged in replacing it.

The Goodbee bridge, about two miles from Covington, was washed away. This was a new bridge, having been built but a few months ago, and its loss will be seriously felt.

We learn that the bridge across the Abito, on the Mandeville road, was also destroyed.

During the prevalence of the storm many fences were blown down, and some of those near the river floated away, together with wood, lumber, etc.

Mr. Lunn's bath house, on the river, went swimming, but finally lodged against an oak tree and was saved.

Aside from the destruction of bridges, very little damage was done, and so far as we have heard, no lives were lost.

Business was virtually suspended in Covington, as the storm prevented wagons from coming to town.

On Friday the weather was cool and cloudy, with a strong north-west wind.

COTTON STATEMENT.—The following table shows the amount of cotton shipped from Covington to date:
Bales.
Since Sept. 1, 1880 ..... 1708
Same time last year ..... 1656
Total last year ..... 2190

"The Police Jury of the parish of Pointe Coupee distinguished itself in the esteem of all honest Louisianians, when it ordained the publication, by the Tax Collector, of a list of all licenses collected in 1880. The Pointe Coupee Banner, of the 15th inst., published the Collector's report, giving the name, calling and amount paid by each tax-payer, also furnishing to the District Attorney a list of delinquents. We applaud such legislation as the only legitimate way to prevent official fraud. We take this as a fit opportunity to suggest the passage of an act compelling all Tax Collectors to do the same. The law heretofore and now in vogue is objectionable for many reasons; it ordains the publication of the delinquents only, which is the reverse of a pure and honest return of the collections made. Will the press of the State assist us in pressing this matter before our legislators' attention?—St. Bernard Eagle.

IN A BETTER PLACE.

To his fond father, who has asked him where he is in his class now—"Oh, pa, I've got a much better place than I had last quarter." "Indeed? Well, where are you?" "I'm fourteenth." "Fourteenth, you lazy-bones. You were eight last term. Do you call that a better place?" "Yes, sir; its nearer the stove."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the POLICE JURY is hereby called, to be held at the Courthouse, in Covington, on MONDAY, Feb. 21, 1881 at 12 o'clock m., for the transaction of IMPORTANT BUSINESS. A full attendance is requested. J. M. ALLISON, President. W. G. KENTZEL, Secretary. Covington, La., Feb. 12, 1881.

Covington Ferry.

The public are hereby notified that I have established a Ferry Boat at the Old Ferry Landing.

Just above the Schooner Wharf, where I will cross travelers, at all hours of the day or night, at the following rates:

- Ox Wagon and Teams, 45 cents.
Horse and Carriage, 20 cents.
One Horse, 10 cents.
Passengers, 5 cents for round trip.

There is a good road leading from the Mandeville road to the Ferry. The patronage of the traveling public is respectfully solicited.

The citizens of Covington are invited to cross at the ferry to-morrow (SUNDAY) morning or evening, FREE OF CHARGE.

CHAS. C. DAVIS

Covington, Feb. 12, 1881.

LAND OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 4, 1881.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claims and secure final entry there-of, and proof to be made before the judge or clerk of the court, at Covington, parish of St. Tammany, La., on the 12th day of March, 1881:

Louis A. St. Cyr, homestead No. 4387, for the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, section 12, township 7, south, range 10 east, St. Helena meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Simon Myers, A. Quave, Pierre Mouchon and Joseph J. St. Cyr, of St. Tammany parish, La.

Joseph J. St. Cyr, homestead No. 4294 for the south half of the southwest quarter, section 1, township 7, south, range 10 east, St. Helena Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Simon Myers, A. Quave, Pierre Mouchon and Louis A. St. Cyr, of St. Tammany parish, La.

GEO. BALDEY, Register.

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Sale of U. S. Public Land.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, New Orleans, La., Feb. 8, 1881.

By virtue of authority from the Honorable Commissioner General Land Office, in a proclamation of the President of the United States, dated the 8th of May, 1879, and under act of Congress approved August 3, 1846, the undersigned Register and Receiver will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the United States Land Office, in New Orleans, La., on TUESDAY, March 15, 1881, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., the following tract of land in the late Greenburg District, La., to-wit:

The east half of the southwest quarter, and the west half of the southeast quarter, of section 3, township 8, south, range 13 east, St. Helena meridian.

Terms—Cash. GEO. BALDEY, Register. W. M. BURWELL, Receiver. Feb 12 5t

Auction Sale.

At the residence of Mrs. Mary Badon, in Covington, on

Saturday, Feb. 13, 1881,

The following list of household goods will be sold at public auction:

- 2 Safes,
3 Small Tables,
1 Large Table,
5 Bedsteads,
1 Bureau,
1 Side-Board,
11 Chairs,
1 Armoire,
1 Large Glass,
1 Large Kitchen Table,
1 Pair Audirons,
3 Sets Cistern Irons,
1 Lot of Cooking Utensils,
1 Wash Stand.

Also, 20 Hogs, more or less. Terms of Sale—