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Miss Lela Edwards, the efficient music teacher, left for her home in Marksville where she will spend her vacation.
"Uncle Charlie" Eber and Aaron Jacobs returned from the Darbonne last Tuesday, where they have spent five weeks very pleasantly.
Will M. Heame, Esq., publisher of the Rayne Tribune, one of our brightest Louisiana exchanges, was a pleasant caller at our office Monday.
Prof. M. M. Satterfield, of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, Miss., was in Opelousas the first of the week in the interest of the school.

Personal.
Miss Meta, the bright and vivacious little daughter of Hon. C. C. Dison, of Crowley, is the guest of Misses Fannie and Lucille Dupre of our town.
Messrs. Sidney Sanchez and Marius Fontenot, of Opelousas, are here on a visit to Rev. L. Savoy, pastor of the Central church—Point Coupee Banner.
Judge Wm. Hall, of Marksville, La., a former resident of our town, who has many friends in Opelousas, was on a visit here this week and gave the Courier a pleasant call.
Mrs. Dr. L. Hadden returned on Monday from Mamou, where she spent several weeks visiting the family of W. J. Truman. She was accompanied home by Miss Stella Truman.
Messrs. Ed. J. Rodriguez and G. E. Trosclair, two of Ascension's prominent young men, who are on a pleasure tour through southwest Louisiana, stopped over in Opelousas a couple of days this week.
Miss Lomella Harkness, after spending several days in our town, is the guest of Miss Trust Foster, left for Lafayette on Tuesday last, where she will spend several weeks before returning to her home in New Orleans.
Mrs. O. Callahan, of Port Barre, accompanied by her lovely daughter Miss Call, spent several days in our town this week, the guest of Mrs. Melancton. On Tuesday these ladies favored the Courier with a much appreciated call. Miss Call is our charming and talented Port Barre correspondent.
Mr. J. R. Norman, who, for the last few months has been managing for the liquidators of the Texas & Co., was elected President and Manager of the Oil Mill at Opelousas. We are informed that Mr. Norman will at once remove his family and take up his residence permanently with us.

Western Editorial Federation.
The Western Editorial federation organized in Salt Lake City last year will meet this fall in Denver, Col. Corresponding Secretary A. D. Tomson has opened his office in that city and is hard at work on arrangements for the coming convention, which will be held September 14 to 17. The objects of the federation as officially declared are:
1. To raise the standard of Journalism, both in the work of the makers of newspapers, and in the minds of the masses who read them; to create a closer relation between the members of the profession, that a more genuinely fraternal spirit may exist among them; to devise plans for obtaining more favorable newspaper legislation and establishing more amicable relations between the publishers and the press; to encourage the organization of associations of like character, to exist, and thus strengthen and unify our ranks in organized form.
2. In influencing public opinion and legislation favorable to the redemption of our lands, water, and storage, improvements of water-ways, immigration, and the further advancement of the general interests of the great empire lying between the Mississippi river and the Golden coast.
3. And last, but not least, to afford to the over-worked and under-appreciated editor an opportunity for an annual outing in some of the western states, where he may enjoy, in common with his collaborators, a brief breathing spell from the labors and trials of his editorial desk.
One can scarcely read the newspaper of today without remarking upon the extent to which the practice of "pulling" or "padding" one's paper is indulged in. This applies both to the metropolitan daily and the country weekly. Some writers carry this practice to that extent as to all but nauseate the reader. Meritorious commendation is met and proper, but when it goes beyond this it is without a single redeeming feature. Experience will teach any newspaper man that there is absolutely nothing in the matter which will do any kind and nice thing a paper may say of an individual, or to what extent they may extol their good qualities or indulge in that flattery to which mortal is susceptible, the time is very apt to come when ingratitude will display itself. That time is most likely to be when the only provocation is probably a three line item using the name of the individual in a lighter or more frivolous connection. Then watch the gathering storm. Past favors are forgotten and, in nineteen cases out of twenty, they will employ all the language of which they are master to express righteous indignation.
NOTICE—Divine services will be held in the Episcopal church at Opelousas on the 4th Sunday of each month at 5 p. m. in May and at 11 a. m. in June, and continuing alternately each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
Senator Don Caffery was a great savior of the people in 1891-92, but after getting a good fat office he quit the saving business. We have seen several people in our time just like Don Caffery.—Alexandria Town Talk.
Gin Wright.
I will do all work that may be offered during the season. B. F. PERLEY.

AROUND THE EMPIRE PARISH.
Bayou Chicot. Aug. 17, 1896.
We had only a light shower during the week which barely laid the dust.
Miss Maggie Tatman is spending the week in town, the guest of her grand-uncle, Mrs. Moore.
The notary and his wife with delight the candidacy of Hon. C. C. Dison for Congress from this district. Mr. Dison has many friends here who will rally to his support on election day.
Miss Edie Singleton is spending the week at Sledgeville as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Hawkins.
The cotton crop in this section will be the shortest made in years, and farmers are at a loss to know what to do next year. The price will have to advance a great deal for even the farmers who own the places on which they live to pay up their debts, much less those that rent lands. The drought has nearly ruined the sweet potato crop also.
A. J. B. and his wife have actually traded off his "dandy gray" for a gig, in which, he says, he will train his young "black." Don't be surprised should you see him calling down your way some day.
Suddall, of Bellevue, passed through here on Monday. He informed us that he will soon move his wife's mother to Bellevue.
CHICOT.
Bellevue, Aug. 19, 1896.
We are still having some very warm weather.
Cotton picking is progressing rapidly, and you can hear the gins whistling all about.
Mr. and Mrs. Obier, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and daughter Eva, have returned from Bell-Cheney Springs. Mrs. Obier thinks she improved very much while there.
Messrs. Frank Stokes and Gussie Kennedy were in Bellevue Sunday.
Miss Charlie Boring is visiting in Plaisance this week, the guest of the Misses Peckham.
F. A. Diumick was in Opelousas Sunday.
Capt. T. C. Gibbons, of Washington, was in Bellevue Monday.
Several of the young folks of Opelousas attended the meeting last week.
There was another meeting of the citizens of Bellevue on last Saturday in regard to the Bellevue land grant. They appointed a committee, which is to meet in Opelousas next Saturday to investigate into the matter and see if they have any rights.
O. C. J.
Rich Discoveries of Gold
At Cripple Creek, Colo., and elsewhere, are being made daily, and the production for 1896 will be the largest ever known, estimated at 50 per cent. They offer the best opportunity to make a large profit on a small investment.
JNO. I. TALLEM & Co., 14 Pacific Ave., Chicago, Ill., are financial agents for the Pentecostal Gold Mining Co., and others in the famous Cripple Creek district. They will send you free, interesting particulars of the Mining Companies they represent, also their book on speculation in Stocks, Grain and Cotton, containing many new and important features.
Send for these books at once if you are interested in any form of speculation or investments. They may prove profitable to you. ap18
Up to Date.
We have recently added, and will continue to keep supplied with new and improved type and printing material, cards, paper, envelopes, etc., and can promptly execute any job printing required at the lowest prices.
Mr. Andre Halphen and Mrs. Bir die Keyhole, Lessons will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 1/2 o'clock. Admission on any night, 25 cents.
NOTICE OF FINAL TABLEAU.
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