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Lous Gaviot, qui, de complicité avec Colomb, a soustrait de fortes sommes à le Banque de l'Union, a été déclaré coupable,

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Un train du Texas & Pacific a franchi la semaine dernière les quatre-vingt-trois milles qui séparent Plaquemine de la Nouvelle Orléans en quatre-vingt-deux minutes, s'arrêtant cinq fois en route.

Des grêlons pesant une livre pièce sont tombés sur la ville de Topeka, Kan., l'autre soir, brisant toutes les vitres des maisons, dépouillant tous les arbres de leur feuillage, blessant grand nombre de personnes, détruisant le sytème de l'éclairage électrique, etc.

Un avocat cause avec son client, un horrible voleur, qu'il est allé voir en prison.

—Enfin, vous m'avez bien tout dit?

Le Voleur.—Tout, exepté où j'ai caché l'argent; vous comprenez que je veux le retrouver à ma sortie!

On rapporte qu'une expédition danoise à laquelle s'étaient joints des hussards anglais, qui allait livrer bataille aux madhistes dans le Soudan, a éte exterminée par ces derniers depuis plusieurs mois et que des 6,000 hommes qui la composaient il n'en est pas resté un seul pour porter la fatale nouvelle au reste civilisé.

La commission de la rivière Mississippi, qui vient de siéger à New York, a réparti ainsi les $2,933,033 mis à sa disposition par le congrès: $400,090 pour le draguage de la rivière, $2,000,000 pour les levées et le reste pour les frais généraux. Des deux millions pour les levées, $5,625 sont accordés au district de Lafourche et $136,675 au district de Ponchartrain.

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Il est mention de Monseigneur John J. Keane ci-devant évêque de Richmond comme successeur du regretté archevêque de la Nouvelle-Orléans. Les évêques de la province doivent se rassembler le 13 du mois pour soumettre les noms des trois personnes de leur choix au Saint Père et l'on pense que peu de temps s'écoulera à la suite de la réception de ces noms à Rome avant que la nomination soit faite du prochain archevêque de la Nouvelle Orléans.

Quand on lynch un nègre dans le Nord, ce qui arrive quelque fois, on fait beaucoup plus de tapage qu'au Sud. Dans le comté de Champagne, O., un moricaud avait outragé une femme blanche, en plein jour, chez elle, à deux pas de la maison de cour. Les citoyens ce sont revoltés et ont voulu faire prompte justice du misérable. Mais le shérif, flanqué de la milice locale, les en a empêchés et le nègre, traîné en cour sous un déguisement, a été condamné à vingt ans de travaux forcés, la loi là-bas n'autorisant pas de pendre pour viol. Au moment où le condamné sortait de cour pour être transporté de suite au penitencier, toute la population s'est soulevée pour s'emparer du nègre; le shérif a fait ouvrir le feu sur la foule et quatre personnes ont été tuées et dix autres blessées. Mais les citoyens ont persisté et ont fini par s'emparer de la geôle et du nègre et ont pondu celui-ci à un arbre qui se trouve à côté de la maison de cour.

Nous constatons avec plaisir le fait que la "Vallée du Têche," journal hebdomadaire publié au Pont Breaux, a repris la publication de sa partie française qui avait été écartée trop longtemps. Il est vrai qu'il n'y a pas grand encouragement par ces temps où l'on affecte à outrance l'américainisme à rédiger une feuille française, mais pour peu qu'on sache apprécier les efforts du jounaliste pour maitenir et propager la langue de nos ancêtres, c'est néomoins le devoir du jounaliste dans nos paroisses créoles de persévérer et de continner à parler à ses lecteurs dans cette belle et douce langue maternelle. Et c'est surtout dans le beau pays des Attakapas, où on conserve encore dans quelque degré de leur simplicité primitive les mœurs et les coutumes des bons vieux Acadiens, que l'on devrait s'efforcer de maintenir et propager le français parmi les descendants de ces honnêtes colons of the Acadiers venant de la malheureuse Acadie.

Nous félicitons notre contemporaine sur la remarche qu'elle vient de prendre et nous lui souhaitons une grande récompense.

Nous avons maintenant, outre la Sentinelle et la Vallée du Têche, les jounaux de campagne suivant qui font du français, savoir: le Meschacébé de St. Jean Baptiste, le Pionnier de l'Assomption, la Gazette de St.-Jacques, l'Advertiser de Lafayette et le Courier des Opelossas. Il devrait avoir davantage.—Sentinelle de Thibodaux.

Un employé de chemin de fer, rédigeant son rapport sur un grave accident qui venait d'avoir lieu, s'exprimait ainsi:

M. X.. a reçu de graves blessures à la tête. On espère, néaumoins, que l'imputation ne sera pas nécessaire.

Port Barré.

July 6, 1897.

Eiditor Courier:—

Weather to-day warm, cloudy and threatening rain.

Last Thursday Rev. father D'hommée, of Washington, accompanied by the Sisters of Mt. Carmel, of that place, Father Ravoli, of Opelousas, Judge Derbes and his two charming daughters, together with all the convent girls, of Washington, spent the day in Port Barré as the guests of Father Mailluchet, and had a delightful time.

Sunday, July 4th, the Reynolds and Déjean families gave a pic-nic on the banks of our poetic stream. All in attendance enjoyed themselves together to their heart's content.

The charming Miss Lou Mudd, of Opelousas, was the guest of Mrs. J. P. Caillouet last Saturday.

The Robins and Smith families, of Leonville, attended the pic-nic in Port Barré.

Sunday also Messrs. F. A. Déjean and Frank Rogers, Mrs. O. Callahan and her sweet and attractive daughter Miss Ida spent Saturday and Sunday in Opelousas, having gone there to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Houston, Jr., who arrived from her bridal tour last Saturday.

Mr. Ben Mélançon attended the Hébrard-Harris wedding in Opelousas on the 30th ult.

Mr. J. R. Mélançon and Miss Ida Callahan made a flying trip to Leonville Monday evening.

Mr. C. Hébert and Frank Mélançon were in Port Barré last Wednesday on business.

Mr. Ben Mélançon paid Opelousas his usual Sunday vist.

Mr. Preston Reynolds visited Washington last Saturday.

Dr. J. L. Corbet and wife are visiting Mamou.

Messrs. Preston and George Renolds were the guests of the Misses Eloise and Ida Callahan last Sunday evening.

Figs, and melons ripening.

Since beginning to write a welcome rain fell here which was of great benefit to the growing crops.

Mr. J. P. Caillouet and little daughters, Jeunie and Bessie, were in Opelousas last Thursday.

Dr. J. L. Corbet and wife were in Opelousas last Friday.

Pansy.

The Chautauqua Circle

Met at the office of Dr. Mayer Tuesday, July 6, at 8:30 p. m Meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. M. M. Hayes.

After the reading of the minutes of of the previous meeting and the current Journal, the President invited discussion upon the advisability of incorporating the Circle. Several members spoke freely upon the subject, after which the following committee was appointed to consider the matter: Rev. H. W. Wallace and Dr. Fred. Mayer.

Mrs. Clinton Andrus, Miss Ada Sanzoz and Mr. H. J. Threlkeld were appointed a committee to arrange for a lawn party to be given at Mrs. Norman's on whatever date the committee may select.

The meeting was then given into the hands of the Program Committee, which called upon the following members who responded promptly:

Recitation,.....Miss Mabel Sandoz
Parody,.....Mrs. Addie H. Read
Recitation,.....Miss Mel. Hayes

The following program has been arranged for next Tuesday, July 13:

1. Recitation,....Rev. H. W. Wallace
2. " .....Miss Lelia Sandoz
3. Comic Recitation,..Mr. F. Stokes
4. Essay,.....Mr. Austin Fontenot
5. Recitation,..Mrs. J. M. Redmond
6. " Mr. H. J. Threlkeld

A. F.

Bayou Chicot.

July 7, 1897.

H. L. Erlich went to Washington on Sunday.

John McMillan and family passed here on Saturday last and took in the Tournament at Vilie Plate.

Sam Haas, Esq., is attending a session of the Police Jury this week.

Welcome, "Pansy"; call often; your items are quite interesting.

Andrew West, of Pine Prairie, lost his dwelling Sunday morning. It caught fire from the chimney, and before assistance could be given, it was a total loss.

Judge Carson, who has been laid up for several weeks is now able to be up and about, and visited town during the week.

Hon. Pat Donahy is still laid up.

H. L. Erlich had a regular picnic July 4th. He attended the Base Ball game at Washington and on his return home in the evening his wife presented him with a pair of bouncing twins—a boy and a girl—each weighing six and a half pounds.

The dry weather has caused the corn crop in this section to fall off a great deal.

The event of the season—Chicot B. B. Club vs. Wahington; game called promptly at 1 p. m. Sunday, July 18th.

Chicot.

The New York World—Thrice-a-Week Edition.

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"The Veillon Gang."

It being said that a petition is being circulated throughout St. Landry parish in behalf of Armille Veillon, and inasmuch as there is an effort being made to pardon said Armille Veillon, now serving sentence of eighteen months in the penitentiary for petty larceny, the undersigned in his capacity of Chairman of the Law and Order people of Mammoth Prairie, deems fit to publish the following historical account of the Veillons who have so long terrorized one of the fairest portions of St. Landry.

It is well to premise this statement by saying that since the beginning of the year 1895 not less than 25 or 30 houses and barns were fired and destroyed by fire in the Mamou neighborhood, to say nothing of the large amount of fence cutting and other depredations. It was an open secret that most of this was the work of a band of outlaws known as "The Veillon Gang."

On July 19th, 1895, a petition signed by all good citizens, irrespective of factions or party, was presented to the then Sheriff T. S. Fontenot, calling upon him to come to Mamou in person and stop these depredations, otherwise the citizens would take the law in their own hands and protect their property. About the same time a meeting, presided over by the undersigned, took place at Durald's woods, where resolutions similar in tone to the sentiments expressed in the petition were unanimously passed, the meeting being composed of men of all political shades. The result of all this was that the administration, with T. S. Fontenot as Sheriff, and E. B. Dubuisson as District Attorney, took the matter in hand and procured a number of indictments against the Veillons.

First Noah Veillon was convicted and is serving sentence for four years in the penitentiary. Secondly, Armille Veillon was convicted of petit larceny, and is now in the penitentiary for eighteen months.

In order that Armille Veillon's record may be fully understood, I give a list of the charges now pending against him. In suit No. 4820 he is charged with shooting with intent to murder one B. McCauley. In suit No. 4826 he (in connection with Zeph. Veillon and J. B. Veillon) is charged with burning the corn crib of Apollonus Lafleur. In suit No. 4874, Armille Veillon is charged with burning a vacant dwelling house of A. H. Mouton; all three of the above pending charges being preferred against him by the Grand Jury during the administration of the late T. S. Fontenot, Sheriff.

To say that all the good element of Prairie Mamou are indignant, is to put it mildly. After the conviction of Noah Veillon and Armille Veillon, these people were beginning to breathe freely and feel safe, until they discovered the efforts being made in behalf of Veillon. It is hard to believe that the Board of Pardons will lend themselves to such a scheme. The men who brought about the conviction of these parties represent all races, all shades of political opinions, but are a unit on the question of the enforcement of the law, and should the Veillons unfortunately be again thrown among them, there is no telling what they may do. They appealed to the courts; justice was done, and if, after their efforts to rid the community of these outlaws, the Board of Pardons should release these parties, then no one could blame the community for protecting itself.

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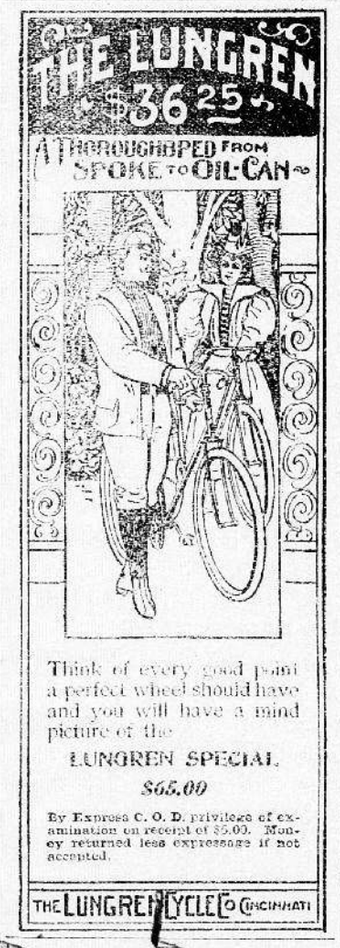
J. Henry Sheppard, Treas. & Sec. pro tem. — J. C. Moncure, President.



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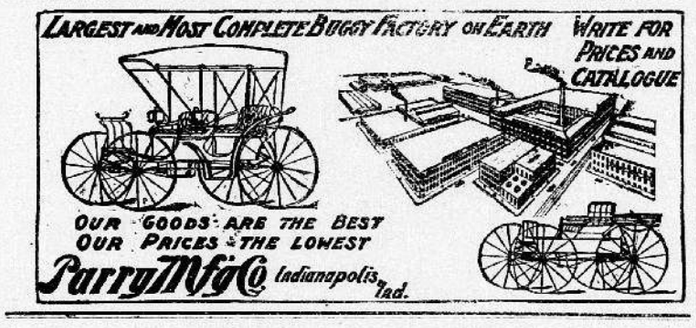

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