

SOUTHERN STATE NEWS.

LOUISIANA.

Fish bite well in Bayou Plaquemine.—Iberville South. Greys will hold an election April 5 for street commissioners.

On many plantations in St. Mary parish the stubble is now knee high. The moss and old iron business is thriving in our town.—[Iberville South.]

The loss of stock above Columbia from the disease produced by the guinea is 55. The Alexandria We the People is fighting the municipal government of that town.

The Vienna Sentinel claims to have started a matrimonial boom in Lincoln parish. On Wednesday, the third instant, between 150 and 200 miles died in Ouachita parish.

Donaldsonville has a new band, which will be known as Coffield's Battery C Cornet Band. The weather is so changeable that it has even given the hogs a cold and cough in Caldwell parish.

New Iberia is making many sanitary improvements—digging and cleaning out all its canals and gutters.

The loss of the stock to planters on Houff river from the guinea was as great as the Ouachita.—[Caldwell Herald.]

The Iberville South wants the delegates from that parish to the State convention elected by a parish convention.

Heavy rains visited this section of country this week, but did no damage except to retard field work.—[Iberville South.]

The very disagreeable weather this week has brought to a standstill planting operations of all kinds.—[Tensas Journal.]

The board of directors of the Rapides Agricultural Fair Association has resolved to hold a fair in Alexandria in October.

An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court in the contested election case of Desson vs. Thompson for sheriff of St. Landry parish.

Work on the farms is progressing very slowly, but little corn has been planted yet and the little land broken.—[Lincoln Sentinel.]

The West Feliciana Sentinel wants the delegates from that parish to the State convention, to be held here April 12, elected by popular vote.

We are informed that there is a bad and dangerous levee in front of Mr. Jules Noel's place, about seven miles below town.—[Iberville South.]

We are informed the grand jury found a true bill against the parties accused of setting fire to a negro cabin sometime ago.—[Baton Rouge Advocate.]

The gardens in this section are pronounced more for ward than for several years, and we have the abundance of vegetables.—[West Feliciana Sentinel.]

It began raining Sunday night in Tensas, rained all Monday, day and night, let up a little on Tuesday and started a fresh rain the next day which continued until Friday.

Persons desiring to purchase real estate in this parish had better hurry along as that kind of property is "locking up" very rapidly in the last few weeks.—[Iberville South.]

The peach crop in this section promises to be large this season. Several trees in town are already full of young fruit as large as partridge eggs.—[West Feliciana Sentinel.]

On Calumet plantation, in St. Mary parish, this week, a negro girl, aged ten, while taking care of a negro baby and using a pistol as a toy, accidentally shot the baby, killing it instantly.

The rising water has already overflowed two places on the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad, both being between Tallulah and Delhi, but not sufficient to interfere with the running of the trains.

The council met Monday night and passed ordinances, one to fine the boys that were caught shooting with "nigger shooters," another allowing the hogs to run at large.—[Columbia Herald.]

The Meritonal boasts of the peace and order now prevailing in Vermillion. Once that parish was a hot bed of crime, but since the change now, no murder having been committed in Vermillion since the early part of 1877.

Our parish was visited by torrents of rain this week. We very much fear that if these rains continue during the present month our planters will be seriously inconvenienced.—[Pointe Coupee Fellow.]

The Cannons of Donaldson fired a series of minute guns last Saturday, in respect to the memory of Capt. M. Buok Miller, honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Louisiana Field Artillery, who died in New Orleans on the twenty-sixth of February.

Genetics, bona fide shed are now being caught in the river with dip nets, mainly by negroes while dragging for sardines. The specimens we saw were unmistakably the real shed, and of good stable size.—[West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.]

There are more candidates for police jurors in this parish than were ever known before. Lists are being around in every direction urging the Governor to appoint this, that or the other man to each of the wards.—[West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.]

Last Friday night a corn-crib, situated on the plantation of Mr. Ernest Robin, near the town of Lake, was burned to the ground. The crib contained about 800 barrels of corn. Mr. Robin was fortunate enough to save about one-third of the corn.

The covered flat formerly used by the steamer Kolegon for stores, and which was to be raised on shore for use as a sort of wharf, was discovered about 10 o'clock in the operation and sunk. Workmen are rigging up a contrivance to raise her.—[Coffax Chronicle.]

The Biloxi and Choctaw Indians played a game of rackets on St. Peter's place, six miles from Holmsville, Rapides parish, on Saturday afternoon, in the halcyon days of the past. The Choctaws were victorious. Many squaws participated in the game.

Up to the present the waters through the Grand levee break had not yet reached the railroad track at its regular place of crossing. This is owing to the heavy rain on up section, but this will soon wash away, and then we'll have the flood in earnest.—[West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.]

Mr. Martin Lowrey, another one of our old citizens, passed away to his long home last Thursday. He was 102 years old. For many years before the war, in the halcyon days of the past, he was keeper of the State-House grounds, and performed his duties well and faithfully.—[Baton Rouge Capitalist.]

A colored woman named Dilly Smith, who was a boarder at the eating house of Nancy Cowan, on Market street, Shreveport, took a large dose of morphine last Tuesday night, and when discovered about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning she was totally insensible, and could not be aroused. Medical aid was called in and everything possible was done to revive her, but without avail.

The prospect for a magnificent and large crop of sugar this year still continues bright and very promising. Planters on up sections inform us that the crop is at least one month in advance of last year. The rice crop is being rapidly planted, and with the high water now coming, the irrigation of this crop will not be difficult.—[Iberville South.]

On Sunday evening last a little colored boy about six years old, son of Patience Johnson, disappeared and no one could tell what had become of him. He was last seen on Sunday evening in the Bayou Plaquemine with several other small boys playing with a dugout. After some search the body of the drowned boy was found in the bayou near Wilbert's saw-mill.

A number of colored laborers in Assumption parish are trying to compel the Assumption parish to pay them their month's wages on the last Saturday of the month instead of on the first Saturday of the succeeding month, when the number of working days of each hand can be estimated with more precision. On the refusal of the planters to agree to these terms, a number of the negroes exodus.

Mr. George A. Kemp, an estimable young gentleman of Grant parish, was accidentally shot and instantly killed on Tuesday night last. Kemp constituted a part of a posse in search of one Armstrong, who had recently

stolen a mule in Grant parish. The posse divided, one party going to Armstrong's house, where he was captured. They were met by the other party and fired on, Kemp being fatally shot.

The police jury held a meeting on the sixth instant and, among other things, passed a resolution prohibiting hereafter the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, under penalty of \$50 for each violation. It is understood that this is intended for the benefit of certain places in the parish, where a great quantity of liquor is sold on that day, and which are not being incorporated, are unprotected by police officers from drunken brawls, etc.—[Lafayette Advertiser.]

Last Sunday Bill Johnson, alias Duffy, and Joe Thomas, two colored men employed on the Droust plantation, on Barataria, quarreled over a case of dice and Thomas, without any provocation drew a pistol and shot Johnson, who died a few hours after receiving the wound. Thomas was immediately arrested and brought up to the court of the canal on Monday in the same skiff which contained the corpse of his victim.

An endeavor will be made to annex to the parish of St. Bernard that portion of Orleans, opposite, extending from a vis a vis the United States Barracks to the line of Plaquemine, via a vis Terre-aux-Bœufs Landing. We are told that executive corporate territory proposed by the parish of Orleans, which is of no benefit to the complainants, has had the effect of arousing them into action—to seek a more general administration.—[St. Bernard Eagle.]

The track of the Morgan railroad is laid to Vermilionville. Aligning and surfacing is now going on between this place and New Iberia, and it is said that regular trains for the mail and passengers will begin to run about the first of April. The Louisiana Western Company has contracted for a large quantity of ties, and as soon as they can be had and the rails brought from New Orleans—which will be in the course of a week—track-laying will be commenced going West.—[Lafayette Advertiser.]

We went over the river last Saturday evening, the sixth instant, and met the enemy—an enemy that has played his hand in our section of the country. In our advance of a mile we met myriads of flies—commonly called gnats here, but this is a mistake. They are a new comer, never seen here before. They have poisoned and killed over 200 horses and mules within a radius of fifteen miles from Columbia.—[Columbia Herald.]

On Wednesday morning a break occurred in the levee opposite Messrs. Thiel & Thompson's rice plantation, about six miles below the canal on Monday in the same skiff which contained the corpse of his victim. The break caused a large amount of water to flow into the lower part of our parish. But, under the immediate directions of Mr. Baldwin, son-in-law of Mr. Thiel, the invading water was quickly subdued, and the damage so repaired as to relieve further apprehension from that spot.—[St. Bernard Eagle.]

There has been no work done on the Craighead levee for four days of this week. The old levee in front has been completely undermined and there is a large gap in the new levee to be filled up. The alarm exhibited by the planters in the vicinity is not without the strongest reasons therefor. A crevasse in this large levee would be a most disastrous one indeed. A large number of planters are interested in this levee and something should be done immediately for their protection.—[Iberville South.]

A few nights ago the family of Judge Wm. B. Robertson were disturbed by a loud voice in the yard demanding to know if Mr. Jimmy (the Judge's son) was at home. The Judge, with his son, went to the door of their dwelling and asked what was wanted. In reply the voice said: "I give Mr. Jimmy half warning to quit this parish within ten days," and then hushed. Such language was not exactly suited to the temper of the two gentlemen, and the Judge, who is a very temperate man, hot pursuit of the mysterious intruder, but was not successful, owing to the heavy darkness that prevailed; the voice, however, was recognized. Next day an affidavit was made before O. W. Jones, Esq., third justice, charging Leon Kenny, colored, with being the offender and who was promptly arrested. On being brought before the magistrate, sufficient evidence was elicited to send the accused before the parish court. Other threats against Mr. James H. Robertson, more violent than that of leaving the parish, were proven up against the sanguinary Mr. Kenny. West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

On last Friday Messrs. H. L. Garland, B. A. Martel and Thos. H. Lewis went to the town of Lafayette for the purpose of securing the right of way for Morgan's Railroad extension to this place over the lands of Dr. Hopkins. The intersection of the Morgan road with the Texas road is upon Dr. Hopkins's tract, which is just north of the town and bordering along the town limits. The only serious objection to the parish of Lafayette was the opposition of this proprietor, and it was necessary to overcome this difficulty without delay, as it stood at the threshold of the extension, and as the contractors were ready to begin work at once at that point, the company needed more than the usual quantity of land at this intersection, for side tracks, turn-outs, etc. These considerations, together with a fear that delay now in the beginning might possibly defeat the consummation of the enterprise, led to the committee to purchase, which they did by the payment of \$1000—\$500 less than the sum originally demanded by Dr. Hopkins. These gentlemen met Mr. Hopkins, who assured them that work on the road would be commenced at once and prosecuted vigorously until the completion of the road. There are a few proprietors on the line in our parish who have not yet acceded to the right of way; it is expected, however, that no serious difficulty will be encountered.—[Opelousas Courier.]

Small-pox is raging in Rio Grande City. Many cattle have died of starvation in Llano county.

The exodus is still going on in San Augustine and Sabine counties.

Small grain all over the State is reported to be in excellent condition.

Well-to-do English farmers are in Menard county looking for locations.

The log boom is up to time, and logs have started to float up the East Texas rivers.

Twenty armed Indians from Mexico are reported near Fort Clark, evidently on a raid.

The Northwest Texas Stockraisers' Association is holding a big convention at Jacksboro.

Several teams passed through Denison recently, en route for Kansas. They have been attracted by the Oklahoma boom.

Pneumonia and malarial diseases prevail in Houston. It is charged to imperfect drainage, especially about the school-houses.

A number of colonies of sturdy farmers are forming in Berk's county, Pa., to locate on the Panhandle, near the Kansas line.

The Cedar Mills region of Grayson county is being severely scourged with the measles. Many have died, and the schools are broken up.

The death sentence has been pronounced against Bill Walker, colored, at Calvert, for the murder of Major Monroe. He is to hang April 16.

Three murderers, Ben Krebs and James Preston, who murdered the England family of Montague county, and L. M. Loftinger, who murdered Gilne in Cook county, have all been recently sentenced to be hung in Gainesville on the thirtieth of April.

The floating debt of the Houston and Texas Central railroad has been funded into \$1,300,000 of income bonds, payable in three years. The net earnings, deducting fixed charges, were, for 1878, \$110,397, and for 1879 \$378,913, and for 1880 \$574,000, and on each year a capital stock. For improvements on the road \$150,000 were charged off to expense account. During this month the line to New Orleans will be completed, and a large increase of earnings will necessarily ensue. It is further stated that after paying the interest due January 1, about \$400,000 cash was left in the treasury.

OTHER SOUTHERN STATES.

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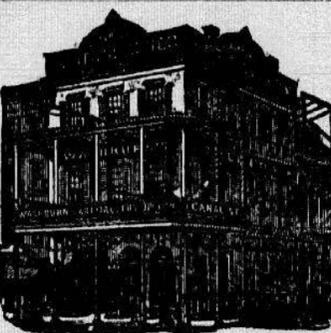
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Cassava root growing is being successfully experimented with about Sorrento, Fla.

There will be a larger area planted in rice this season in Florida than has been planted for many years past.

A lad of seventeen years of age in Jasper, Walker county, Ala., has recently wedded a lady seventy-one years of age.

The whisky crop of Kentucky for the year ending June, 1890, is estimated at 10,139,726 gallons. The tax on this will be \$10,000,000.

The Wilmington and Walden Railroad has a railroad velocipede for their section master. It has three wheels and can make fifteen miles an hour.

Atlanta Constitution: The other morning while the State road train was speeding along at the rate of forty miles an hour, a short distance this side of Dalton, a lady, in attempting to pass from the sleeper to an adjoining car, fell between the cars. Happily her dress, which happened to be of strong material, caught in the brake fastener, suspending her under the cars just below the platform. A few seconds after she fell Mr. Frank Gordon passed upon the platform, and with presence of mind and promptness of action deserving all praise, rescued her from her perilous situation by fairly pulling her up onto the platform. Her dress was fast losing its grip, and a few more seconds would have hurled her to a horrible death. White with terror, she was borne into the sleeping car and placed upon a berth, where she immediately swooned.

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