

The Bossier Banner.

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BENTON, LOUISIANA.
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1896.

Three men were killed by a tornado near Ampler, Montgomery county, Pa., on last Thursday.

There are said to be 2,250,000 Freemasons in the world. Of this number nearly 1,000,000 are in America.

It is said that Congress will adjourn next week. This is good news. It might have adjourned two months ago as far as the people are concerned. It has done nothing.

The loss of life by the tornado of Wednesday evening of last week in St. Louis and vicinity is estimated at 500 and the number of injured at 700. The damage to property is estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

According to the report of the North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor it costs fifty-eight cents to raise a bushel of wheat in that State. This figure has been reached after compiling returns from different growers with an aggregate acreage of 125,000 acres.

In April, 1880, Marshfield, Mo., was nearly destroyed by a tornado, 92 of its inhabitants being killed.—On February 9, 1894, there were 60 separate tornadoes in the region between the Mississippi and Atlantic, which destroyed 10,000 buildings, killed 800 people and wounded 2,500. It is not long since East St. Louis suffered disaster from a tornado only less destructive than the one of Wednesday of last week.

In Maryland last week a tornado demolished several houses and barns at the village of Harney, in Carroll county. There was a violent hail-storm in Caroline county. A barn was destroyed by lightning on Chancellor's Point, Talbot county.—Lightning struck a store in Cambridge, Dorchester county, and set it on fire.

In Pennsylvania considerable damage was done at Columbia and Wrightsville, on the Susquehanna river, and at other towns near the border of Maryland.

An incident in the saving of money caused by good roads is given by an officer of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, who was in the habit of drawing manure with four horses from Philadelphia to his farm, a distance of seventeen miles. A new road was built half way; two horses drew the same load to the end of it, then he had to send a man and team to bring it the rest of the way.—One man and team do more work now than two men and two four-horse teams did before. He saved \$120 on hauling his manure the first year. Other farmers now carry ninety bushels instead of thirty bushels of potatoes, which used to be a load.

RAIDING THE TREASURY.—There would be something sublime in the audacity in which Congress appropriates money if the waste were not from a treasury already subject to deficits. Receipts now run some \$30,000,000 behind expenditure, yet the House goes on making big bills and the Senate piles the totals still higher. The general deficiency bill has been nearly doubled in the Senate, and if the latter body has its way, the grand total will be for this session \$523,250,000, or about \$15,000,000 more than was ever appropriated before by Congress in its first session and over \$30,000,000 more than the last Congress appropriated at its first session. The figure just named is for the next year's outlay, but the expenditure authorized in continuing contracts is some \$93,500,000 more, making the total authorized over \$616,000,000. Economy is not thought of except when it can be paraded to hamper the administration. Spendthrift ways ought to be reformed.

Democratic Executive Committee.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Bossier Parish met at Benton, on Saturday, May 30, 1896, pursuant to call of Chairman W. B. Boggs, with the following members present in person or by proxy, to-wit: T. N. Braden (A. Curtis proxy), A. Curtis, W. B. Simpson, W. B. Bogg (A. R. Thompson proxy), J. A. Bumgardner (B. R. Nash proxy), L. T. Sanders (W. J. Johnston proxy), W. J. Johnston, L. C. Biggs (W. H. Bledsoe proxy), and J. W. Elston (W. H. Bledsoe proxy).

There being a quorum present the Committee was called to order by the Secretary.

It was then moved and seconded that W. J. Johnston act as Chairman pro tem. Carried.

It was then moved and seconded that a delegate be elected from each ward in the parish of Bossier by a white primary to be held on the 6th day of June, 1896, as delegates to the Convention at Baton Rouge on June 15, 1896, for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Convention. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the delegation cast their vote as a unit for the parish. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the same polling places be used in this election that were used in the last white primary and that the voters of each precinct select their own commissioners. Carried.

All returns of said election will be forwarded to R. E. Hill, Secretary of Bossier Parish Democratic Executive Committee, who will compile same and forward credentials of elected delegates to J. A. W. Lowry at Baton Rouge.

Whereupon the committee adjourned subject to call of the chair.
W. J. JOHNSTON,
Chairman pro tem.
R. E. HILL, Secretary.

FIFTY DEAD IN ILLINOIS.—Centralia, Ill., May 28.—The storm of last night passed through Southern Illinois and spread destruction over a large extent of territory west, south and southeast of Centralia.

New Baden, a village west of Centralia, was completely wiped out, only six houses remaining. Thirty-six lives were lost. New Madrid, southeast of this city, also suffered great loss of life and property. Seven persons are reported killed and thirty injured.

The storm pursued an easterly course taking in the villages of Irvington, Richview, Ashley, Boyd and Dix. Houses were blown down and persons killed in all those places and throughout the country.

Farm property, crops and orchards have suffered immense loss, and it is estimated that in the counties of Clinton, Washington and Jefferson fifty lives have been lost.

There should be no straddle on the money question. Nothing can be gained by a compromise. The Democracy is either in favor of free silver or it is not. The Chicago convention will define the policy of the party on the financial issue, at least it should be so, and upon the character of this definition depends its success in November.

The quantity of bananas shipped from West Indian and adjacent ports into the United States now amounts to 13,000,000 or 14,000,000 bunches annually, valued at considerably over \$20,000,000.

Last Thursday Justice Samuel D. McEnery was elected United States Senator to succeed Senator N. C. Blanchard next March by the following vote: McEnery 70, Denegre 68.

Kate Field, the most noted newspaper woman in the world, died of pneumonia in Honolulu, May 19th. Miss Field was born in St. Louis in 1854.

Eighty children were killed in a school house of Drake, Illinois, by the cyclone which devastated St. Louis.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mrs. C. O. Gayle is visiting Mrs. J. L. Taylor, at Minden.

Miss Lina Tidwell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. A. Brownlee.

Miss Maude Manry is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Gryder.

Mrs. Margaret North is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Belcher.

Mr. M. A. Wooten and family have moved from Alden to Benton.

Mrs. J. P. Kent, of Minden, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. N. A. Hill.

Mr. J. P. Kent, of the Webster Signal, spent Saturday night in Benton.

Mrs. Margaret Eaten, of Ivan, was the guest of Mrs. S. S. Cabeen Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. Murff is visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. P. Williams, in Alexandria.

Thanks to our clever friend and Congressman, Hon. H. W. Ogden, for valuable public documents.

Mrs. W. B. Simpson returned Monday evening from Shreveport, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. A. D. Scanland, publisher of the Columbia Record, of Magnolia, Ark., is spending the week in Benton.

Mr. A. J. Murff left Wednesday of last week for Jackson, La., where he went to deliver the address to the graduates of Centenary College.

State Superintendent of Public Education A. D. Lafargue, and State Treasurer John Pickett, have our thanks for their biennial reports.

Shreveport Times, Sunday: Mr. P. B. Cash was over from Bossier yesterday and reports crops very promising in his section and everybody hard at work.

Mrs. Braxton Wise spent Monday and Tuesday in Shreveport, and during her stay there she went to hear that great evangelist, Dr. Wharton, of Baltimore.

Mrs. E. S. Burt, from Midway neighborhood, was in Benton Tuesday evening on her way to Shreveport to visit her sister, Miss Lillie Elstner, who was reported dangerously ill.

Senator J. A. W. Lowry has been appointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, and Hon. W. B. Boggs Chairman of the House Committee on State Registration and Election.

DeSoto Democrat-Journal: Mr. E. H. Randolph, of Shreveport, spent Monday in town. Mr. R. is one of the rising young men of North Louisiana, and the more our people see of him the better they like him.

Mr. Brownlee Arnold, who has been attending a business college at Waco, Texas, for the past five months, returned home last Monday. We learn that Mr. Wash Tidwell will return in about two weeks.

Shreveport Times, Tuesday: Capt. W. J. Hughes came down from his Bossier home on yesterday morning's Cotton Belt train and returned in the afternoon. He was well and hearty, and reports crops fine in his section.

Mr. A. L. Byram, of Midway, was in Benton Saturday en route for Keachi, where he went to attend the commencement exercises of Keachi College. His daughter, Miss Ruth Byram, has been attending school at Keachi. They returned home yesterday.

A defective span in the Government street traffic bridge across Victoria arm, in Victoria, British Columbia, gave way on Tuesday afternoon of last week, precipitating a loaded street car and many passengers into the bay 100 feet below.—It is claimed by many that fully 2000 persons went down with the span and that seventy-five or 100 of them perished, a number of bodies being carried out of the harbor by the outgoing tide.

Louisiana ought to send a solid free silver delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago.

Now go to work for the success of free silver.

Men Who Represent Us.

The youngest man in the State Senate is Hon. H. T. Liverman, of the 19th Senatorial District. He is a Mississippian, 27 years of age and a son of Rev. Mr. Liverman, deceased, who was pastor of Bellevue church in 1876. Hon. T. W. Fuller, Jr., is 28 years of age. The two Senators from this District were both born in Bossier parish.—Mr. Lowry at Bellevue, and Mr. Fuller 7 miles east of Bellevue. The oldest member is Mr. James Webb, of the 12th Senatorial District. He is a planter from Acadia parish, is 63 years old.

Lieutenant Governor Snyder, the presiding officer of the Senate, is 40 years of age.

Twenty-four of the members of the Senate are Louisianians; one is a Texian; four of them are Mississippians; one is a Calafornian; one is a Missourian; one is a Tennessean; two are Alabamians, and two are Georgians.

There are 21 lawyers in the Senate, 1 physician, seven planters, 1 merchant, 1 lumber manufacturer, 1 hotel proprietor, one journalist, 3 manufacturers.

Hon. W. C. Dufour, of the Third Representative District of Orleans, and Hon. R. P. LeBlanc, of Vermilion, are the youngest members of the House. They are each only 23 years of age. Hon. Josiah Kleinpeter, of East Baton Rouge, is the oldest member of the House. He is 68. Speaker Henry is 58 years of age.

There are in the House 39 farmers and planters, 18 lawyers, notaries and attorneys, 15 merchants, 3 real estate men, 2 clerks, 6 brokers, 1 gin agent, 2 teachers, 3 doctors, 1 railroad president, 1 builder, 1 insurance agent, 1 editor, 1 justice of the peace, one member interested in dry docks; 1 salesman, 1 member engaged in the sugar business, 1 lumber manufacturer, 1 contractor.

Sixty-four of the members of the House were born in Louisiana, 8 in Mississippi, 5 in Georgia, 4 in Alabama, 2 in Pennsylvania, 2 in North Carolina, 2 in Kentucky, 2 in New York, 2 in Texas, 1 in Ireland, 1 in Ohio, 1 in Virginia, 1 in Tennessee, 1 in South Carolina, 1 in Florida, 1 in Rhode Island.

A Month of Disaster.

The month of May, 1896, which ended last Sunday, has left behind it a record of storms and physical convulsions that will make it long remembered as a period of continued calamity. On May 3rd, 12 persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 12th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst at McGregor, Iowa; on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, British Columbia; and on the 27th, about 450 persons were killed at St. Louis, East St. Louis and neighboring places by the series of tornadoes which swept through that district, making a total list of killed for the month of 952 persons.

In the space of twelve days, 771 persons met their deaths in the West, and probably 3000 were more or less injured.

Last Saturday, however, contributed a still greater addition to the list of victims. The coronation ceremonies at Moscow, Russia, furnished the scene of the worst disaster of the month. During a great popular demonstration in an open plain near Moscow, where half a million were gathered together, a stampede occurred, during which it is thought that nearly three thousand unfortunates were trampled to death.

The month of May has furnished a record of more than 4000 victims who perished from accidents.

Birmingham, Ala., is to have a five-story Masonic temple to cost \$50,000.

SENECA, Mo., May 31.—The district of Seneca's flood disaster of yesterday presents a picture of desolation to-day. Cherokee Avenue, the principal business street, is divided into two sections by the loss of the iron bridge which spanned Lost creek. Searching parties are constantly beating either side of the stream in search of missing citizens, who are evidently drowned. Of the drowned fourteen have been taken from the water.—About 100 homes were inundated and two of these were carried down the stream and every member of the family drowned. A number of families have lost all and are destitute. Many farmers along the course of Lost creek lost their crops. The total loss is above \$50,000.

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Assessment.
The assessment lists of Bossier parish will be open for inspection and correction from June 10th to the 30th.
W. H. BLEDSOE, Assessor.

Sheriff's Sale.
Equitable Securities Company of New York vs. Heirs of E. L. Stinson, deceased. No. 4924. In Second District Court, Bossier Parish, La.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued under an above named suit, and to medieted, I have seized and will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Benton, La., within the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, July 11, 1896, the following described property, to-wit:—
The northwest quarter of southwest quarter, northeast quarter of southwest quarter, north half of southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 3; the northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 4; the northeast half of the northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 5, in township 18 North of range 13 West. The southwest quarter of southwest quarter and northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3; the northeast quarter, the southeast quarter of northwest quarter and the east half of southeast quarter of section 4, township 19 North of range 13 West—containing in all 495 acres, more or less, together with all improvements, situated in Bossier Parish, La.
Terms of Sale—Cash, without the benefit of appraisement, to pay and satisfy the sum of \$2522 00, with 8 per cent per annum on \$408 00 from Dec 1, 1892, on \$284 00 from Dec. 1, 1893, on \$269 00 from Dec. 1, 1894, on \$236 00 from Dec. 1, 1895, and all costs of suit, including 10 per cent on said sum and interest as attorney's fees, and according to law.
A. R. THOMPSON, Sheriff.

Homestead Entry No. 4961.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., February 25, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on April 10, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4961—John Jefferson—for the north half of northwest quarter, northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 4, and northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 5, township 20 North, range 12 West.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. W. Hanky, Benton P. O., La.; Dave Stephens, Lloyd Payne, Erank Jennings, of Midway P. O., La.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.
April 30, 1896. June 4

Homestead Entry No. 4816.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., May 2, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on June 12, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4816—Richard McCullough—for the west half of northwest quarter, section 32, township 21 North, range 12 West.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ed English and John Jefferson, of Midway, La., and Frank Jennings and Morris Jennings, of Rocky Mount, La.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.
May 7, 1896. June 11

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Stray Sale.
Estrayed before me, J. L. C. Graham, Justice of the Peace, Ward 3, by J. N. Bryan, and will be sold at Plain Dealing, La., within the legal hours of sale, on Friday, June 5th, 1896, one Brown Mare, blaze face, black mane and tail, no brands, two hind feet white, about 5 years old, and about 13 hands high.
Appraised at \$20.
Also, one Sorrel Mare, about 3 years old, and about 12 hands high, light mane and tail, no brands, and appraised at \$15 00.
The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, &c.
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Homestead Entry No. 5009.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on July 10, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5009—Marion Hall—for the south half of southwest quarter and west half of southeast quarter, section 2, township 18 North, range 11 West, Louisiana Meridian.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. E. Pevey, W. G. Wadley, Wiley B. Allen and Dick Green, of Allentown, La.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.
May 28, 1896. July 9

COTTON SEED MEAL.

Wholesale Grocery jobbers have lately shown quite an acrobatic aptitude in sporadic efforts to keep things moving. Some advance, while others reduce prices, but as a rule prices are not very fluctuating in nature. I have been suffering somewhat from an aggravated attack of guessing, which has had a quieting, if not a soothing, effect upon my energies. Figuratively speaking the situation has been something of a nebulous atmosphere, stimulating doubt and watchfulness. I have been sawing wood by the carload, and I presume it will be in order to continue sawing a while longer, but I propose to keep a firm hold on the SAW END of the machine without regard to consequences—my preservation first, consequently afterwards.
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W. H. Bledsoe
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