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No. 33.

TIME TABLE.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY.	
EDGARD STATION. (FORMERLY ST. JOHN.)	
Passenger trains going East.	
No. 53. Cannon Ball	6.55 A. M.
No. 54. New Orleans Mail	8.15 P. M.
No. 56. Accommodation	9.11 A. M.
No. 61. "Merry Widow"	6.40 P. M.
Passenger Trains going West.	
No. 51. Texas Mail	9.25 P. M.
No. 53. Texas Express	11.05 A. M.
No. 55. Accommodation	6.27 P. M.
No. 59. "Merry Widow"	8.50 A. M.

The Leger and Loric transfer meets all times, excepting Nos. 51, 52, 53 and 60 unless otherwise notified.

YAZOO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILWAY.	
RESERVE STATION.	
Passenger trains going East.	
No. 33. Baton Rouge Accommodation	8.33 A. M.
No. 21. Vicksburg Express	4.15 P. M.
Passenger trains going West.	
No. 22. Vicksburg Express	8.30 A. M.
No. 34. Baton Rouge Accommodation	5.30 P. M.

FRISCO RAILWAY.	
"LOUISIANA RAILWAY AND NAVIGATING COMPANY'S TRACK"	
RESERVE STATION.	
Passenger trains going East (Stop on Signal).	
No. 2	7.18 P. M.
No. 4	5.54 " "
Passenger trains going West.	
No. 1	7.35 A. M.
No. 3	8.51 P. M.

The Montz transfers these trains daily.

PERSONALS.

Mr. James A. Stewart, and family, of New Orleans, are visiting relatives and friends.

Miss B. Joseph left last week for Abita Springs where she has joined her sister, Mrs. J. K. Gaudet. Miss Joseph will visit relatives in New Orleans and from there will go to Ellendale, near Houma, where she will be the guest of her brother Mr. Rex Joseph.

Rev. Father Gerard, of St. Peter's Church, passed through here on Tuesday.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The grand entertainment, organized by the patrons and friends of the Berthelot School, takes place to-day and to-morrow. The cause appeals to all and success should crown the efforts of the promoters.

We are informed that the Garyville Ice Factory has ceased operations. This is deplorable, to say the least, and can be attributed to no other source but public indifference. This is the second unsuccessful attempt made in this parish to manufacture ice, the first failure being that of the Crystal Ice and Pop Manufacturing Company, which operated a factory at Johnson Station.

A new levee is probable at a point near Lucy, on the right bank of the river. The necessity is apparent but the owners of small tracts of land in the vicinity fear that they will lose their all. The authorities will exercise discretion in the premises and will not take more lands than are requisite for the work proposed.

The contables throughout the parish are very active these days. These officers are out daily looking for dogs without the required license-tags. The constable of the second ward has dispatched many dogs and is looking for more. He is a good hunter but a poor marksman, much to the delight of the fleet animals.

Rice cutting is now in progress and the golden grain is fast falling under the sickle. The price paid by the planters averages \$4.00 per arpent. The yield is disappointing but the quality is good. To make matters worse, the market is unattractive, the best grades fetching \$3.50 per barrel.

Superintendent Broussard has assumed charge of the schools of this parish, being succeeded at the Thibodaux High School by Professor Samuel W. Plauche, formerly of Moreauville.

Judges P. E. Edrington and P. René Montz, of Reserve, are spending a well earned vacation at Cooper's Well. The Meschacébé has received the following short but encouraging message from Judge Montz:

"All O. K. up here. Fine Country."

The School board met on Tuesday, and after receiving and approving the report of the Committee appointed to examine the books of the retiring secretary-treasurer, granted him a quietus and ordered his bond cancelled.

Professor Broussard has assumed his new duties as parish superintendent. Examination of teachers for Certificates will probably be announced for September 2 and 3.

Dr. F. A. Keller, the popular dentist of Garyville requests us to announce that he will be absent from his office from August 20th, until September 1st.

The attention of our readers is called the signed statement of Mr. Henry J. Tregre, of Garyville, appearing in this issue.

Mr. Tregre's losses were adjusted without delay and paid in full.

The local members of the Donaldsonville church, Knights of Columbus, are preparing to institute a council at Edgard. The Knights are numerous in our parish, and the "Meschacébé" wishes the new council long life and prosperity.

The State political slate, announced from Baton Rouge, makes John T. Michel candidate for Governor in 1912. Lieut. Governor Lambrecht seems to be in a bad plight, although he is very silent.

Ball post-poned.

The Neptune Fishing Club, of Edgard, has decided to post-poned the ball advertised for to-day at St. John Hall. The Club has taken this step because of the Berthelot School Festival announced for to-day and to-morrow. The ball will take place in the near future, upon a date soon to be announced.

Successful Fair.

The fair given last Saturday and Sunday, at Garyville, was a big success considering the inclement weather. A very neat sum was realized, and this will go to help pay the amount which is still due on the Church and Presbytery.

Rev. Chas. Tessier, through this medium, heartily thanks those who so ably rendered assistance during the fair. Special thanks are extended to the Garyville Library Association for the usage of the Auditorium. The raffle of a bonnet, given by Miss Baudry, resulted in Miss Andre Romain winning, her number being 100.

Lawn Tennis.

The Garyville Lawn Tennis Club was formally launched at an enthusiastic meeting, at the Library hall, on Saturday evening of last week. A constitution and by laws were adopted, officers were chosen and two teams selected from the more experienced players to be gotten into form to contest with neighboring clubs. The club already has one court ready for use and will have a second one very soon. Any near-by club desiring games will please communicate with the Secretary, Dr. O. J. Ory.

The officers of the club are as follows: Dr. J. W. McGehee, President; Capt. J. B. Kelly, Vice-President; Dr. O. J. Ory, Secretary; Dr. F. A. Keller, Treasurer. The teams for tournament-play consist of the following: Reds: Dr. J. W. McGehee, Capt. J. B. Kelly, Dr. O. J. Ory, W. B. Fisher, H. E. Reynolds and F. W. Cook. Blues: R. E. Rosenberger, W. G. Coghlan, H. R. Martin, L. G. Golding, H. P. Golding and F. F. Wigginton.

BASEBALL.

Tomorrow the Vacherie Browns will have the honor to meet the strong Garyville team.

The Browns have lost one game out of nine played which game was won by the Excelsiors by a score of 2 to 1.

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price 25c.

The Exposition Amendment.

A changed situation created by the necessity for raising a guarantee fund of seven and a half million dollars instead of the five million dollars originally provided for resulted in the extra session of the General Assembly, which Governor Sanders convened in response to requests from the Exposition Company, and various exchanges and commercial organizations of the City. The amendment which was enacted by the regular session held last May provided for a tax of 3/8 of a mill on all taxable property in the country and 6/8 of a mill on all taxable property in the City of New Orleans. That tax was intended to produce four million dollars, the ratio being 1/8 from the country parishes and 2/8 from the city.

When, in order to call the bluff made by San Francisco it became necessary to raise the guarantee fund to seven and one half millions, extending the time of the tax until the necessary amount should be realized. The duty of preparing the amendment was imposed upon the Law Committee of the Exposition Company, and that Committee submitted the amendment now before the General Assembly.

The Law Committee was of the opinion that it was inadvisable to attempt to amend a joint resolution already enacted, and pending its ratification. Moreover, such a course would be confusing to the voters and would probably result in the defeat of both amendments, wherefore, the safe way to proceed would be by the submission of an amendment supplementary to the original amendment and conveying in this supplementary amendment required authority to the City of New Orleans. No change is made in the tax in so far as the country parishes are concerned, the tax remaining at 3/8 of one mill or, calculated on the basis of assessed values, being follows:

\$ 400.00 Assessment 15c
600.00 Assessment 22-1/2c
1,000.00 Assessment 37-1/2c
1,300.00 Assessment 57c
2,000.00 Assessment 75c

This tax is to remain just as it was fixed by the original amendment until four million dollars have been realized, when it is to cease in the country parishes, and then the provisions of the supplementary amendment will become effective. These provisions require a special tax to be imposed upon the City of New Orleans to provide the additional tax

and a half millions needed to complete the full amount of six and one half millions. The Executive Committee's proposition that the tax in the country parishes should cease and determine when one million dollars has been realized from that source, could not be carried into effect according to the report of the Law Committee, which strongly advised against attempting amendment, hence, the tax of 3/8 of a mill will remain in force until the four million dollars shall be collected from the City and country, on the basis of 3/8 of a mill in the country and 6/8 of a mill in the City.

Up to the time that four million dollars shall be realized the City will be paying a rate twice as high as the country, but after four millions shall be collected the tax on country property shall cease altogether, and the remaining two and one half millions will be raised by a tax on City property not to exceed one and a half mills. To the man who owns a \$1000.00 worth of taxable property, it is not worth while paying 37 1/2c a year for a few years rather than see this monumental builder up of the section in which it is held go to San Francisco?

Theory and Art of Reading.

(Communicated.)

The majority of us, (but especially the teachers of our schools,) know how much "stress" is laid by Hon. T. H. Harris, our present State Superintendent of public education, on the "Theory and Art of Reading."

Does it mean that the teachers should be found "competent" to teach all the branches designated in our school curriculum? No one will deny that it should. Then why is the "main source," that is the "Theory and Art of Reading," so sadly neglected? The cause must certainly be "incompetency, or lack of interest" on the part of the teacher. Is not reading the "leading channel" to the accomplishment of the other branches taught? Some one on being asked the reason why a certain boy was so backward in arithmetic, truthfully replied: "It is his English" rather than his Arithmetic which is at fault." Teach the child to "grasp the thought" of the printed page, and half the battle is won. The teacher who does not neglect the "Art of Reading," will find his scholars, in the course of time, better spellers, better grammarians, and better arithmeticians, etc., etc.

Reading is an essential to most school work, and to teach a child to "read" is one of the first duties of the "progressive teacher." The two essentials of reading should be—

1. To read intelligently.
2. To read intelligibly.

The purpose of teaching a child to read should be—

1. To enable him to "gain" information.
2. To enable him to "impart" information.
3. To gain "pleasure" from reading.

These purposes should be constantly kept in view by the teachers of our schools, for to me, it is the main "skeleton," or "frame work" from which all other studies find their real source, or "origin."

A great educator, after years of study on the subject, has, in my estimation, found out the "key" to that beautiful "Art." He says:—"The business of training youth in elocution, must be commenced in childhood. The school should be the nursery. There, at least, may be formed a distant articulation, which is the first requisite for good speaking. How rarely is it found in perfection among our orators! "Words," referring to articulation, should be delivered out from the lips, as beautiful coins, newly issued from the mint; deeply and accurately impressed, perfectly finished; neatly struck by the proper organs, distinct, in due succession, and of due weight. How rarely do we hear a speaker whose tongue, teeth and lips, do their office so perfectly as to answer to this beautiful description! In school for children, it ought to be a "leading object" to teach the "Art of Reading." It ought to occupy threefold more time than it does. The teachers of these schools should feel that to them, for a time, are committed the future orators of the land! It is better that a girl should return from school a first-rate reader, than a first-rate performer on the piano-forte. The accomplishment, in its perfection, would give more pleasure. The voice of song is not sweeter than the voice of eloquence; and there may be eloquent "readers" as well as eloquent "speakers." Let the same pains be devoted to reading, as are required to form an accomplished performer on an instrument; let us have, as the ancients had, the formers of the voice; let us see years devoted to this accomplishment, and then we should be prepared to stand the comparison. Reading is, indeed, a most intellectual accomplishment. So is music, too, in its perfection. We must not by any means undervalue this noble and most delightful art, to which Socrates applied himself even in his old age.

But one recommendation of the "Art of Reading" is, that it requires a "constant" exercise of mind. It involves, in its perfection, the whole art of criticism in language. A man may possess a fine genius without being a perfect reader, but he can not be a perfect reader without genius.

"In teaching, as in other things, look up, and the stars guide you, look down, and the gutter beckons."

M. CHAMPANTIER.

Proceedings of the Board of School Directors of the Parish of St. John the Baptist.

Edgard, La. August 10, 1910.

The Board met this day in regular session, for the purpose of acting upon the resignation of Superintendent Bernard, and electing a successor, with all members present.

Moved by Mr. Abadie and seconded by Mr. Gendron and carried that this Board accept the resignation of Mr. Bernard, to go into effect as soon as his successor qualifies.

Nominations being in order for the superintendency of this parish, said position being made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Bernard, Mr. Richarme nominated Prof. L. L. Broussard, recently principal of the Thibodaux High School, for the position of superintendent. Mr. Richarme's motion was seconded by Mr. Cassagne and Mr. Gendron, and upon roll call the vote was as follows:—Yeas: St. Martin, Richarme, Cassagne, Leger, Abadie and Gendron; Nays: None. Mr. Broussard was then declared unanimously elected superintendent, secretary and ex-officio Treasurer of school funds.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Richarme and seconded by Mr. Abadie and carried that the meeting adjourn, to meet next Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1910, for the purpose of hearing and taking action on the report of the auditing committee, approving bills and taking whatever other action necessary.

CHAS. ST. MARTIN,
President.

A true copy:
A. C. BERNARD,
Secretary.

Edgard, La., Aug. 16, 1910.

The Board met this day in special session with all members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was moved by Mr. Richarme and seconded by Mr. Leger and carried that same be adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. Leger and seconded by Mr. Abadie and carried, that the following bills be approved and paid:

E. J. Laurent, 2nd payment on Garyville School annex	\$300.00
P. A. Cassagne, Sash doors, L. G. H. S.	9.20
Theo. Maurin, Supplies, L. G. H. S.	10.15
Jules Enault, Building House and odd jobs, L. G. H. S.	100.00
A. C. Bernard, Postage and phone messages, Cash paid	2.98
Chas. St. Martin, Per diem and Mileage men, Auditing Com.	3.60
E. O. Abadie, Per diem and Mileage men, Auditing Com.	3.60
Geo. Gendron, Per diem and Mileage men, Auditing Com.	3.60

Moved by Mr. Richarme and seconded by Mr. Gendron that Mr. Broussard's bond be made \$10,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Gendron and seconded by Mr. Richarme and carried that the bid of the Gary State Bank for the issue of the \$5000.00 5 per cent bonds be accepted at par, and that Mr. S. Labiche be paid 3 per cent as commission for negotiating same. It is further moved that the president and secretary be instructed to see about the printing of said bonds.

The auditing committee composed of Messrs. St. Martin, Gendron and Abadie appointed for the purpose of examining the books of the School Treasurer, reported that they had examined all records and accounts and found all to be correct, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Richarme and seconded by Mr. Leger and carried that the report of this committee be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Abadie and seconded by Mr. Gendron and carried that all accounts of the School treasurer being found correct, that Mr. Bernard be given a quietus, and his bond be ordered cancelled.

The Board having no typewriter of its own, upon suggestion of Mr. Broussard that the Board needed one, it was moved by Mr. Richarme and seconded by Mr. Gendron and carried that this board purchase the typewriter and case of A. C. Bernard for \$68.00.

Moved by Mr. Richarme and seconded by Mr. Abadie and carried that the meeting adjourn.

CHAS. ST. MARTIN,
President.

A TRUE COPY:
A. C. BERNARD,
Secretary.

The Editor's Paradise.

Frederick C. Beyer, a well-known Cleveland editor, told at a recent banquet a newspaper story. "A Medina editor died" he said, "and was, of course, directed to ascend to the Abode of the just. But during the ascent the editor's journalistic curiosity asserted itself and he said:

"Is it permitted for one to have a look at—or the other place?"

"Certainly," was the gracious reply, and accordingly a descent to the other place was made. Here the editor found much to interest him. He scurried about and was soon lost to view.

"His angelic escort got worried at last, and began a systematic search for his charge. He found him at last seated before a furnace, tanning himself and gazing at the people in the fire. On the door of the furnace was a plate saying, "Delinquent Subscribers."

"Come," said the angel to the editor, "we must be going."

"You go on," the editor answered, "without lifting my eyes. I'm not coming. This is heaven enough for me."

—Louisville Times.

The Spice of Life

A Light Support.—"What is it, do you suppose, that keeps the mason in place and prevents it from falling?" asked Araminta.

"I think it must be the beans," replied Charlie, softly.—*Shelbourne Fall Messenger.*

Giddy Harlem.—Old Lady (who has lost her bearings)—"But, dear me! I'm certain that the last time I was here I went that way to Harlem," Diplomatic Policeman—"It's right in the opposite direction, now, mum. You'd be surprised at the changes that's been made."—*Life.*

A Winner.—Young Lady (coming in with partner from room where progressive whist is being played)—"Oh, mamma, I've captured the 'booby,'" Mother—"Well, my dear daughter, come and kiss me, both of you."—*Scraps.*

A Near Relative.—A certain well-known but impecunious nobleman, while walking one day in Warlour Street, saw a family portrait for sale in a shop window, and went in to inquire the price. The dealer wanted £12 10s., but his lordship would only give £10, so the purchase was not made. A short time afterward, while dining with a gentleman, he was invited to view his pictures. As he stood gazing with profound interest at a certain one his host said, "Ah, that is a portrait of an ancestor of mine."

"Indeed!" said his lordship. "Then we must be almost related in some way. It was within £2 10s. of being an ancestor of mine."—*Tit-Bits.*

No Reflexion.—"Every time the baby looks into my face he smiles," said Mr. Meekins.

"Well," answered his wife, "it may not be exactly polite, but it shows he has a sense of humor."—*Tit-Bits.*

High Prices.—A young lady who taught a class of small boys in the Sunday-school desired to impress on them the meaning of returning thanks before a meal. Turning to one of the class, whose father was a deacon in church, she asked him:

"William, what is the first thing your father says when he sits down to the table?"

"He says, 'Go slow with the butter, kids; it's forty cents a pound,'" replied the youngster.—*Everybody's.*

Somewhat Ambiguous.—Here is some graveyard poetry recently found on a tombstone in Coldwater:

"Here lies our wife, Samantha Proctor, Who ketched a cold and would not doctor. She could not stay, she had to go. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"—*Ladies Home Journal.*

The Pedestrian in 1911.—Chug! Chug! Chug! Gillingill! Gillingill! Gillingill!

The pedestrian paused at the intersection of two busy streets and looked about.

An automobile was rushing at him from one direction, a motorcycle from another, an auto-truck was coming from behind, and a taxicab was speedily approaching.

Zip-zip! Zing-clug!

He looked up and saw directly over him a runaway airship in rapid descent. There was but one chance. He was standing on a mantole cover. Quickly seizing it he lifted the lid and jumped into the hole just in time to be run over by a subway train.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Revenge.—Like the lava from a crater Came the gravy on his pate, For he failed to tip the waiter, So the waiter tipped the plate.

—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Undeterred.—In a great deal of trepidation a diffident young man called at the office of the father of the girl he had smitten with, and stammered:

"Sir, I—I—pardon me, but I want to marry your daughter."

"I am busy; go and see her mother, young man," said the father.

"I have already seen her mother, and I still wish to marry your daughter."—*Everybody's.*

Expensive.—"I want some cloth to make my dolly a dress," announced a little girl of seven as she entered a store the other day.

"How much is it?" she asked when the merchant handed her the package.

"Just one kiss," was the reply.

"All right," she said; "Grandma said she would pay you when she came in to-morrow."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Her Limitations.—Mrs. Neurch: "Did you notice how grandly our daughter swept into the room at Mrs. Puppson's reception last night?"

Neurch: "Sure I did. When it comes to sweeping into a room Mamie wins in a walk; but when it comes to sweeping out a room she goes lame."—*Tit-Bits.*

Sunday is Sunday.—There is a sermon for "children who have grown tall" in the words of the little tot who was told by her mother not to play in the front yard on Sunday.

"But, mamma, isn't it Sunday in the back yard, too?"—*Judy.*

All He Had.—There was an amusing "give away" in a case tried in a Southern court not long ago. A colored man, charged with stealing a watch, pleaded not guilty; and, moreover, he brought against the complainant a counter-charge of assault. This man, he averred, had endeavored to kill him with an iron kettle.

During cross-examination there was quite a flurry. "Dare you to say," demanded the attorney, who had the negro on the grill—"dare you to say that my client attacked you with a kettle?"

"Dat what he done, sah," said the defendant, with a nervous gulp.

"With a kettle, eh?" sarcastically reiterated the lawyer. "That's a fine story for a big, strong fellow like you to impose upon this honorable court! Had you nothing with which to defend yourself?"

"Only de watch, sah," was the unwary response; "but what's a watch agin' a kettle, sah?"—*Harper's Weekly.*

Just Suit Him.

"This world," he said, "just suits me— Take it for all in all; Just warm enough in summer, Just cool enough in fall.

"Just good enough for livin'— For livin' every day; With just enough of roses To hide the thorns away.

"They say worlds shime above us While all the bright stars be, But this old world, good people, Is good enough for me!"

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price 25c.

NOTICE.

GARYVILLE, LA., Aug. 16, 1910.

To Whom it may concern:

I take pleasure in testifying to the exceedingly prompt settlement made by the Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co. of claims arising from the fire which destroyed my dwelling on the night of the 3rd inst. Mr. S. H. Labiche, Agent, reported same on the 4th., the adjuster arrived on the 5th., and checks in full, without discount, were received on the 12th.

(Signed) HENRY J. TREGRE.

For Sale.

A good driving and riding horse. Young and perfectly sound. Apply at this Office.

NOTICE.

"All members of Halimah Tribe No. 101, Improved Order of Red men, are notified to be present at the next regular meeting at the tribe's wigwam, on the 23rd sun of the Sturgeon moon (common era, August 23rd) to vote on the proposed amendment to Article II of Chapter VI, of the by-laws."

A. A. LASSEIGNE,
Chief of Records.

FOR RENT.

200 Acres of land in high state of cultivation. Plenty of improvements. Will furnish sufficient cane to plant the above for desirable tenant.

A. A., Box 77, Baton Rouge, La.

For Sale.

Second hand Cypress cisterns, any dimensions.

For prices and other particulars, apply to J. I. RODRIGUE,
Lucy, La.

For Sale.

Property (known as the late Judge Gaudet's), at Edgard, St. John Parish. Desirable location. A bargain. Keys next door at E. A. Leger.

Near Catholic Church, Court-house and Edgard High School.

Apply for full particulars to W. J. MARTINEZ, 111 Magazine Street, New Orleans, La., or at this Office.

FOR SALE.

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