

In relating the news of the Limerick crevasse, the Port Gibson Reveille says: The levee near Newellton, La., just a mile and a half from the home of F. L. Guthrie, broke early Tuesday morning, and a great volume of water is pouring over the Tensas parish. The last indirect report from Mr. Guthrie stated that he hoped to save most of his 900 head of cattle, but there was no chance to save his blooded hogs, numbering about 100. No loss of life has been reported, but much stock and other property, including many thousands of acres of oats will be destroyed.

As a result of the break the bayou has fallen about a foot at Port Gibson. Prior to this, the water on the South side of the bridge had risen so high in the depressions in the street that it was necessary to make a way through the field in order for vehicles to reach the bridge.

A number of former Claiborne county families and relatives of the present residents of this county are in the overflowed section. Among them are Mrs. Maddox and her daughter Mrs. Watson, S. D. Watson and family, Mr. T. F. Daniel and family, F. L. Guthrie and family, Dr. L. A. Murdoch and family, Prof. T. M. Wade and family, the John Murdoch estate, J. A. Turpin and family, and Mrs. Joseph A. Gorton.

We are told that the town of Rodney has suffered greatly because of the high water, and that there is not a business house the floor of which is above water.

Unfortunately there are nearly always to be found in every community, people of incoercible nature who are "agin' the government" and railroads and all else that makes for progress. We are glad, however, that we have few, if indeed, any of these misguided ones in Tensas parish, hence, when the railroad announced, upon the occurrence of the crevasse, that they would transport cattle and people out of the flooded area without charge, as long as their tracks were out, there were few among us to feel coals of fire on our heads, for the railroad has been given cordial support here and our people as a whole are friendly to the company. And as the organ of the parish, the Gazette takes this opportunity to express the appreciation of the people of Tensas for the thoughtfulness and liberality of the railroad company in placing cars at our service at such a critical moment and without financial obligation beyond voluntary offering by the beneficiaries, and which resulted in the saving of much live stock from drowning and consequent loss to owners. It is such a needed aid as this, in trying hours, that cements the ties between the brotherhood of man and makes for happier relationship between capital and labor.

Dr. H. S. Trice is spending several days in Natchez this week.

Miss Lovie Bonney of Orticca, Miss., is visiting Mrs. C. D. Brigham, at Waterproof.

Mrs. R. O. Hornsby and children are spending some time at the Looey House while Loust Land is under water.

Dr. and Mrs. V. M. Crothers, of Meyersville, Miss., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Walton. Dr. Crothers is interested in the Aubrey Jackson place, in this ward.

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THE PROBLEM.
A PERMANENT TEACHING FORCE.
BY
Mrs. Frances Shuttleworth, Chairman Education L. F. W. Clubs.

Bulletin No. 30, 1914 issued by the U.S. Bureau of Education says that one of the advantages of the consolidated schools is the possibility of maintaining a stable teaching force. In the school with four or more teachers, there will be, relatively, few changes in the teaching force, never a complete change, as always takes place in the one-room school when a teacher resigns. A permanent teaching force is essential in making a school efficient and satisfactory, particularly should the principal of a consolidated school be retained as long as his work is satisfactory. This can be done by paying a salary sufficient, providing a home, rent free, and employ the principal by the year. The principal benefits are summarized in the 10 points given below:

1. Adequate supervision of the teaching work is made possible through consolidation.
2. Better educational results are obtained through the better division of the pupils time between recitation and study.
3. Classification becomes possible with all the advantages to the pupil of working in a class of pupils approximately his own age, and in the same stage of mental advancement.
4. Vitalizing special subjects, such as music, drawing, agriculture, household arts and the use of good library may be taught in the consolidated school.
5. High school grades may be easily added to the consolidated school.
6. Pupils gain more education, general culture, and breadth of view from contact with the larger number of pupils met in the consolidation of schools.
7. The child's progress is not seriously delayed as in the one-teacher school by the change of teachers. The teaching force of the consolidated school is stable. In the entire one-teacher school the teaching force always changes at the same time, and seldom leave any adequate record behind.
8. Better teachers may be obtained for the consolidated school.
9. The cost of the consolidated school is less than the one-teacher schools considering the advantages obtained.
10. The permanent principal and teaching force will do the added work of extension, will also lead in the social and recreation life; and in scientific agriculture and home-making; thereby building a community whose strength is clean and stable character.

Rural School Children.
Rural school-children are less healthy, and are handicapped by more physical defects than are the children of the cities, including even the children of the slums. Healthful and attractive rural schools are absolutely essential to the physical, mental, social, economic and moral well-being of the children themselves, and to the life and welfare of the nation as a whole. Country school-children should have as sanitary and attractive schools and as intelligent and effective health care as school-children in the cities. The health care of rural school-children should include at least the following:

- (A) Schoolhouses sanitary and attractive, well ventilated, lighted, cleaned, and equipped within and without with the health essentials enumerated below.
- (B) Teachers better trained and better paid to do their logical and full share in carrying out a health program.
- (C) Health examinations, including dental inspection, once a year.
- (D) Follow-up health work by district and school nurses.
- (E) Health care in the school, including health instruction, warm school lunches, tooth brush drills and inculcation of all health habits.
- (F) Provision for removal of injurious physical defects by dental clinics, health clinics, etc.
- (G) Co-operation of all available individuals and organizations for the promotion of health and welfare of country school-children. Country children deserve as much health and happiness as city children. Country children are entitled to as much careful cultivation as live stock and crops.

The Rural School Sanitation Standard.
In every school which may be considered passably sanitary, the following conditions shall obtain:

1. Heating by at least a properly jacketed stove. (No unjacketed stoves to be allowed). Avoid overheating. Temperature should never be above 68 F. There should be a thermometer in every schoolroom. Ventilation by open windows when the weather permits and by opening of windows at frequent intervals even in winter.
2. Lighting from left side of room (or from left and rear) through window space at least one fifth of floor space in area.
3. Cleanliness of school as good as in the home of a careful housekeeper.
4. Furniture sanitary in kind, and easily and frequently cleaned. Seats and desks adjustable and hygienic in type.
5. Drinking water from a pure source provided by a sanitary drinking fountain.
6. Facilities for washing hands, and individual towels.
7. Toilets and privies sanitary in type and in care (with no cesspools unless water-tight) and no neglected privy boxes or vaults.
8. Flies and mosquitoes excluded by thorough screening of schoolhouses and toilets.
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THE WATER.
Since our last issue a considerable area of our parish has been inundated by the flood waters from the Limerick crevasse until now possibly 75 per cent of the alluvial lands of the parish are covered. The greatest loss that will be sustained by our planters is the destruction of their oats, if indeed the oats are really lost. There is a difference of opinion as to the effect the water will have on the young crop of oats, and many think that they will survive the overflow since the crop is so young and the water so cold. We have many thousand acres of oats in Tensas parish and if the crop is destroyed the loss will be heavy. The next greatest misfortune suffered by our people is the loss of live stock, some of which were drowned while the bulk had to be sent to Mississippi at great expense. The reports of distress among the colored population incident to the flood have been greatly exaggerated, though it is to be admitted that there may have been some suffering, particularly by those living in the path of the break and who rushed out and congregated on the levees for the first few days, and who will become dependent on charity if the flood is prolonged. Every effort has been made to secure government assistance in anticipation of this, but as yet without avail. Reports from the water are all encouraging, notwithstanding the fact that the fall at Vicksburg is not as great as had been hoped for, the gauge there being kept up by floods out of the Yazoo River. In all a fall in the river along our front of more than fifteen inches has been recorded since occurrence of crevasse, and which has been reflected on all overflowed lands. Newellton has had a fall of nearly three inches with corresponding result in outlying country. At St. Joseph the water reached a stand this week which was followed by a fall of probably an inch. At this writing the water continues to cover the plank road for some distance up into the residence section and in the lower part of town has covered the streets in the neighborhood of the Union Church, to perhaps the depth attained in 1912, but has not reached that depth on South side of Court House where the stage is fully four inches below the 1912 mark. Reports to the South of us are all very encouraging. The back water has not yet reached Waterproof, Ferriday or Vidalia and it is believed that each of these towns will escape. It is probable that the ditches of Waterproof may be filled and the depot reached, if indeed the road leading to town is not already partially covered, but it is hardly expected that water will enter the town. The levees are all holding good in the parish, but are being carefully watched. A slide occurred at Kempe last week, but fortunately was low down and consequently of not a very alarming nature. However, a force of convicts is located there and the damage was soon repaired. Another bad place developed at Harper's ramp, but with the convict force conveniently at hand the weakened spot was soon strengthened. We have much to be thankful for in the weather conditions that have prevailed in the past several weeks and with continuance of good weather, we are very hopeful of passing the flood waters down without a further break. The darkest hour is just before dawn, and many of our people feel discouraged at the present outlook, but we do not share in the prevailing gloom and feel optimistic as to the future. The overflow waters will leave a rich deposit on the lands covered, which will give increased fertility to the soil and the result will probably be greater and more abundant crops next fall. We urge our people to take a cheerful view of the situation and hope for the best and all will yet be well. Some of the best crops Tensas ever made followed high waters, and blessed with a country of wonderful resources and a citizenship that never despairs, we expect to see our parish again come triumphant out of tribulation and blossom as the roses.

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