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April 1st 1882.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All advertisements and communications intended for the MERIDIONAL, must be handed in by 12 o'clock on Thursday to ensure publication. This is an important business rule, which should not be overlooked or neglected.

Gardeners and farmers are jubilant over the future prospect.

The doctors are said to have been pretty busy all of last week.

A Grand Ball will be given at Perry's Bridge to-night.

There was a good deal of people in town last Sunday.

Our market is overcrowded with onions.

There is a good deal of fever in the country.

Eggs at 10 cents a dozen in Abbeville.

Mr. Alcide Leblanc has a splendid garden.

Some fine cabbages were sold in town last week, raised in our parish.

Prairie mushrooms are plentiful and they are splendid esculents.

Our merchants last week were largely supplied of groceries by the bayou boat.

Two more pumps were placed in our town by the Hook and Ladder Company of Abbeville.

During last week several showers passed over our section, doing much good to vegetation.

Chickens are brought in now and then, spring are 10 cents a piece, and grown hens 25 to 40 cents a head.

Kissing is somewhat like seven-up. If he begs, and she thinks she can make a point in the game, she will give him one.

Robberies of birds nest are going on as usual, at this season of the year. The naughty boys will be mischievous anyhow.

The month of June is ushered with the loveliest weather imaginable, pleasant breeze, refreshing showers and no dust.

The dustiest day in our town is the Sunday, after the doors of the commercial establishments are closed.

A lot of spring chickens were brought into town last Saturday, by Mr. Landry of Grosse Ile. It was funny to see how fast they sold.

A rumor has reached us from Lacassine, to the effect that a young man of that section whose name we do know, in a fit of anger against his father shot him with his (father's) own gun; he was his only son.

THE RAIL ROAD.

We will until we see a better opening drop the question of rail roading from this place to any other section, we have been blowing this horn long enough to make a man deaf, and, may be crazy, and we see no good arising therefrom. We must for the last time until we see a fairer showing give an advice to any and to all parties interested in this stupendous scheme; it is this, that being not able to feel the pulses nor the purposes of our parishioners personally, we invite those who want to reap benefit from them to do it themselves. A railroad to Broussardville or to Vermilionville would suit us better than that to New Iberia. In the first place if we are directly connected to Vermilionville we are put in a more direct communication with the Mississippi River, that is when the Vermilionville and Port Allen railroad is built and we hope that the citizens of Lafayette may take the question into their hands and with the assistance of parties who are willing to risk the chances and with what little contributions we can throw in, build this road which we have no doubt will be worth thousands of dollars to that community, as for a bonus we can not speak for our people, the best way to decide on a question of money, is for such as stir it up to see for themselves. It is not the province of a country editor to go around and decide such questions.

CONVERSATION ON THE STREET.—Uncle Shelvey did you hear de great news from de town of Iberia? no my son unless de question bout de railroad that am to cut de fields and de town in two; ya uncle Shelvey dat is de question, that am agitated in de circle ob de intelligence; dis great improvement ob de boat travelling on de dry lan, am not very good my son, de prairie fox am not going to raise any mo cows, because de railroad am a going to make de strangers buddle on de prairie like chickens and den de poor farmer will get poorer, tha ant a going to be any more butter and milk and de railroad am going to kill de cows and de people, and anyhow, de big speculators want a Bonus from de farmers ob de parish. Bonus means dollars, and de farmers am too poor to give de Bonus, and so dey will not hab de railroad.

It seems as though our town was not healthy for the thrift of geese. We remember a period not very far back when flocks of geese would parade the main thoroughfares of our place. Such sights have disappeared perhaps forever, still we have been pleased to notice of late two gozlings following their adopted mother a grey hen, and these are the only geese about our town, they ought to be respected by everybody.

The crops in Mouton's Cove are splendid, especially that of corn. It will soon have roasting ears. The farmers are complaining of the excess of rain in that locality. Fortunately that, but little cotton is cultivated there; it is more particularly a cane section, and it requires considerable rain to do it any damage at this early season, the corn might suffer.

About the earliest riser of our town is the coachman of the mail to New Iberia, at 4 o'clock every morning. The hack is ready and the mail bags and whatever passengers there may be are whirled at a fast trot towards the last place, arriving at 8 A. M., a person has ample time to transact any business in town and return to our town for 7 P. M.

The finest cut of oats that we have seen this season, was sown by Mr. Maxwell and was mowed this week.

It is said that the State of Texas will net \$13,500,000 from the increase to her sheep farms this spring.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent).

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9, 1883.

The Summer solstice is now upon us in earnest and panting humanity bedews the asphalt pavement with profuse perspiration, while the shady side of the street seems the only object in life worthy of attainment, and all who can by any means get away, are fleeing to the mountains, the seashore or to their "country cousins."

EXTRA SESSION.

Last Monday a petition was presented to the President asking for an extra session of Congress to consider the labor question; but at the cabinet meetings since held the question does not seem to have been even mentioned. It is therefore safe to conclude that no extra session will be forthcoming.

A SHE CANIBAL.

Last Monday a lady on South Carolina avenue left her little three year old boy in charge of a fourteen year old colored girl. Returning a short time after, she found her child writhing and screaming in agony from the torture of more than twenty savage bites inflicted on various parts of its body by the black monster who seems to have become infatuated cause the child cried after its mother. Although the child will be very much disfigured, it will probably recover; but what is most singular, is that the mother retains the cannibalistic servant girl and refuses to have her arrested and punished as she should be.

THE READY RAZOR.

One of the worst characteristics of our colored population is their extensive habit of carrying and using razors as an offensive and defensive weapon, and it is an evil that calls loudly for suppression. There are plenty of honest and honorable colored men who would scorn to carry, much less use the razor as a concealed weapon; but at the same time we have gangs of "niggers," in the worst sense of the term, who upon the slightest pretense whip out a razor and back away with fearful results. One day this week a young negro made a slash at a colored girl, sitting on the steps of her own home, and nearly severed her left breast from her body. Her offence was a disparaging remark about the music her assailant was making on a mouth organ. He escaped, as a matter of course, but his victim's recovery is very doubtful.

The Morgan City and Franklin papers have been giving Eads and Co., a lesson on water courses lately and their improvements. That is right, stand on the side of common sense, and work for your section.

There is a great number of young mocking birds this year, a nest may be found in nearly every cluster of trees. The air is redolent with the sweet voice of the old birds. The swallows have also brought up their little families for the present year.

Mr. Editor:—At a meeting of the Abbeville Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, it was resolved:

That a vote of thanks be tendered to the ladies and gentlemen, who are not members of the Company for their kindness and efficient aid at the performance given on the 31st May 1883.

Eli Wise,
Secretary.

Since the completion of the Iberia and Salt Mine Railroad it appears that our Abbeville road has been forgotten, or that the promoters, thereof have grown luke warm at least some silly persons have assured us that there is no foundation in the report which the breeze has been wafting to our ears since a year or so in regard to it, but we are incredulous as to those rumors. We have an abiding faith and we believe that the road will be built and that, at no very remote period.

Send 50 cents to E. J. Gray, Box 599, Washington, D. C., for samples of Fancy Good and Novelties, on which you can make from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a day.

Hon. Henry J. Hyams, editor of the West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter, died of apoplexy at his home, in West Baton Rouge, at 5 o'clock, last Sunday evening, June 10th, aged 55 years.

The MERIDIONAL is in receipt of a courteous invitation from Lafayette Lodge No. 37 to attend a Grand Pic-Nic and Ball to be given at Vermilionville on Tuesday June 19th 1883.

It is reported that one of the up town gentlemen, who had his shingle out as "The Masher" has had the same taken in, and in its place inserted "The unfortunate Fool."

What a noise the boat made at Abbeville, last week, before day light the people were fairly awakened by the protracted noise of the steamer's whistle. We presume it is fun for the jolly engineer to let steam out that early.

NOTICE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Vermilion.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22 of Act 96, approved July 5th 1882, notice is hereby given to the tax-payers of said parish of Vermilion and of the corporation of Abbeville, that the listing of the property real and personal of said tax-payers is completed, together with the valuation placed upon said property by the Assessor, and that said lists will be exposed in my office for inspection and correction for 20 days after publication of this notice, to wit: from the 18th day of June 1882.

D. M. LYONS, Assessor.

June 9th 1882.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

TWENTYFIFTH DISTRICT COURT.

PARISH OF VERMILION.

Adolphe Dupuy, adr.,

vs

Jules Hebert, et als

By virtue of a writ of fi fa issued in the above entitled and numbered suit, by the honorable 25th Dist. Court, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, and to me directed, I will proceed to offer at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in this parish, on

Saturday, July 21st 1883.

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 4 o'clock P. M., and continuing from day to day if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of the defendant in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

1st—One certain tract of land situated in this parish being the north half of south west quarter of section 6, township 13 south of range 3 east, containing eighty 16/100 acres.

2nd—One certain tract of wood land, situated in this parish on the west side of the bayou Vermilion at a place commonly known as Boudoin's Cove, containing eighteen arpents, superficial area, more or less, bounded above by lands formerly claimed by Julie Mouton below by lands of John A. Fletcher and Clebert Broussard jr E — and W — being the same tract acquired by Jules Hebert from Alcide Hebert by act of sale passed August 10th 1881

Given under my official signature, in the town of Abbeville this 16th day of June 1883.

H. B. LYONS, Dy sheriff.

State of Louisiana—25th District Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 167.

Succession of Edward Abshire. Application of Hebrard Perry, to be appointed administrator, de bonis non of said succession and to administer on the community proper of said deceased with Eugenie Boyer, also dec'd remaining unadministered.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the application of said applicant to file the same in writing, in the office of the Clerk of Court within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal of court this 16th day of June 1883.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, clerk.

State of Louisiana—25th District Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 668.

Succession of Lufroy Touns. Application of Belizaire Touns to be appointed administrator. Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the said succession, or having any opposition to make to the application of said applicant to file the same in writing, in the office of the Clerk of Court within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal of court this 16th day of June 1883.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, clerk.

WANTED.—100 acres, "more or less," of unimproved prairie land, with some wood on it and situated on the bayou Vermilion. Address stating price, &c., to

C. J. GEORGIA,
150 Royal Street,
New Orleans, La.

MONDAY, JUNE 4TH 1883.

The Police Jury met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Howard Hoffpauir, Esq., President and the following named members, viz: Messrs. Broussard, Nunez, Thibaux, Trahan, Primeaux and Vanslyke.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

On motion of Mr Trahan: Art 1^o Resolved; that Robert S Johnson, Robert S Henry, James N Williams, Alcide Trahan, Cleopha Broussard, Ursin Landry, Jules Thibodeaux and Ubal Dore, be and they are hereby appointed a jury of freeholders to trace and lay off a public road from Abbeville to Bayou Portage, and that they make due report to the next meeting of this body.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE To the Hon. the President and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion.

ABBEVILLE, La., April 6th 1883.

The finance met for the purpose of examining the books and vouchers of the Parish Treasurer and found that he is to be credited as follows: The Treasurer had paid the following claims which he produced as vouchers.

Parish warrants.		
Criminal funds 1882	\$	1297 59
Surplus " 1881		2725 63
Police Jury " 1882		429 70
Road & Bridge fund 1882		394 20
Magistrates etc " 1882		513 52
Dist Atty " " 1882		125 00
Printer & Stationary " 1882		292 85
Sherriff holding court " 1882		225 00
Sherriff jail fund " 1882		2736 00
Paupers & indigent " 1882		10 00
Grand & petit Jury and jury commissioners fund 1882		1224 10
Total	\$	10013 73

For which we have given him a receipt and taken vouchers from him as above. The committee has ascertained by examination that the Parish Treasurer is to be debited as follows:

Received from G B Shaw for 1882	384 75
Received from G B Shaw for taxes collected	3250 63
Received from G B Shaw fines 1880, 1881 and 1882	800 00
Received from Laetie Brous.	60 00
Received from Unbranded stock 118 80	
Balance cash on hand as per statement April 1st 1882 with committee	873 44
Total	\$11457 62

Showing a balance on hand in the Treasury this day 1473 69

SOLOMON WISE, A. VASS-ELYCK, G. GODCHAUX, Secretary.

June 4th 1883, the foregoing report after having been read was adopted and ordered to be published.

AMROUSE LACOUR, clerk police jury.

Art 2^o Resolved, that the following report of the Jury of Freeholders appointed by virtue of Art 2d of the proceedings of this body adopted April 2d 1883, submitted this day, be and the same is hereby adopted, that the road therein traced and laid off, be and is hereby declared to be a public road for travelling to all intent and purposes according to the laws of this State:—

STATE OF LOUISIANA, (WE, the un- Parish of Vermilion, do hereby give notice of the following:—

Jury of Freeholders, all of said parish and State, appointed by the Police Jury of said parish, to trace out and establish a public road from Perry's Bridge in said parish to Cypress Point in said parish, do solemnly swear that we will lay out, trace and establish said public road between said point, to the greatest advantage of the inhabitants, with as little prejudice to molestness as may be, without favor or affection, hatred or malice, and to the best of our skill and knowledge; So help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of June 1883.

W. B. WHITE, Justice Peace.

G. Decuir, P. Decuir, Joseph Lemaire, Uriah W. Stansbury, Sarrazin Hebert, S. Stansbury.

To the Hon the President and members of the Police Jury of the parish of Vermilion and State of Louisiana.

The undersigned, composing a jury of freeholders of said parish and instructed by your Hon body to lay off and trace out a public road leading from Perry's Bridge on Bayou Vermilion to Cypress Point, in said parish, beg leave to submit this report of such action as they have taken in the premises.

Your commissioners having each first taken and subscribed the oath required by law proceeded to lay off and trace out said road as follows, viz:

Beginning at the present ferry landing at Perry's Bridge we ran said road in a south westerly direction until said road intersects Main street as per plan of the town of Perry's Bridge on file in the office of the Recorder of mortgages of said parish, thence along said Main street to the intersection of Elm street thence along said Elm street running in a southerly direction to the intersection of Hare street, thence along said Hare street in a westerly direction until the lower line of the lands at present belonging to Mrs Boret widow F O Darby or land of Edgar Darby as the case may be, thence along upon said land until the line of Mrs Eloi Leblanc, Jr. shall have been reached, thence along the dividing line and upon the land of each, between said Mrs Darby and Mrs Leblanc to the rear line of said Mrs Leblanc, Arville Gaudry belonged formerly to C. L. Rice, J A Jettun, Stansbury and Ladour until the northern line of John Fletcher shall have

been reached, thence east until the dividing line between said Fletcher and Gaudry Decuir shall have been reached thence along said dividing line running south to the corner of said Decuir's lower line, thence in a westerly direction along the dividing line between the lands of Henry Parish and lands belonging to owners unknown to your commissioners, but supposed to belong to W W Edwards, until the south west corner of the lands of said Parish shall have been reached thence in a southerly direction along the land of the tract above described as belonging to unknown owners until the south west corner of Henri Montant shall have been reached, thence west to the east corner of the land of Trévillie Bourque thence south to the southeast corner of the lands of said Bourque thence to the southwest corner of said lands thence in a straight line to the northeast corner of lands belonging to Lofly T Brigg, thence south along the line of said Briggs and continuing with various directions and distances along the said lines of said Briggs until the southeast corner of Ben Corbin shall have been reached which is at Cypress Point. Your commissioners would state that wherever in this report dividing lines have been mentioned it is intended that the road shall be on each side of said dividing lines, unless herein otherwise expressed.

Believing that we have traced out the best practicable road, possible under the circumstances and in no way as we have not cut the lands of a single individual we have no damages to assess. The road is also to be borne in equal proportions by the contiguous proprietors to the rear of the lands of Mrs Leblanc, Gaudry, Darby, Jettun, Stansbury and Ladour. Respectfully submitted.

S. Stansbury, Joseph Lemaire, Sarrazin Hebert, P Decuir, G W Stansbury, Gerard Decuir.

Filed and adopted June 4th 1883, LACOUR, clerk of the police jury.

Mr Vanslyke was appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the price of a ferry flat to serve as a ferry at Perry's bridge, and also to ascertain if a house of said ferry can be procured and at what yearly compensation; that he report at the next meeting of this body.

Art 3^o. resolved, that A Vanslyke be and is hereby authorized to purchase for account of the parish, payable out the road and bridge funds of 1882, sufficient lumber to repair the bridge at Grosse Ile conles; that the road overseer of that district be required to have said bridge repaired by the road funds of the day.

Art 4^o. resolved that the sum of \$10 dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the district road funds of 1882 for the purpose of paying all election claims already allowed.

Art 5^o. resolved that the finance committee be instructed to inquire as to the propriety of appointing a clerk Auditor; and if they think proper appoint one, to draft an ordinance defining his duties and responsibilities, &c., and that they report at the next meeting of this body.

Art 6^o. resolved that until a parish Auditor is appointed the district Auditor or his substitute be authorized to examine all claims against the parish that may be presented to him and to approve or reject the same.

On motion of Mr Vanslyke, Art 7^o. resolved that all wire enclosures, when made exclusively of wires, shall consist of four wires, the top one to be no less than four feet from the ground; a ditch shall be dug outside of said fence or enclosure 18 inches in depth and 18 inches in width and be 18 inches from the fence; provided plants and plants may be located in the following manner:—one plow or plank and three wires, 2 plow or plank and 4 wires, 3 plow or plank and one wire to the panel. provided further, that if the owner of said enclosures erects 3 plow or planks and one wire, then the one wire shall be placed on top, and a fence thus constructed be and the same is hereby declared to be a lawful fence within the limits of the parish of Vermilion.

Art 8^o. resolved further, that the foregoing resolution shall take effect from and after its promulgation in the official journal.

The following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid out of their respective funds, viz:

—Criminal funds of 1883.

D M Bell dy-sherriff of St. Landry \$1210

—Road and Bridge funds of 1882

Solomon Wise \$1020

The Jury then adjourned to meet on the 1st Monday of July next.

H. HOFFPAUIR, president

AMROUSE LACOUR, clerk

CHARITY HOSPITAL.

At a meeting of the committee appointed for the parish of Vermilion, to solicit contributions for the benefit of the Charity Hospital of New Orleans, it was resolved that the following persons be designated as sub-committees to aid and assist in said solicitations and collections.

The following persons have been appointed sub-committees to solicit contributions for the Charity Hospital Funds, viz:

1st ward, Severin Leblanc, M C Broussard, J Bte Leblanc, Mrs Colombe Broussard, Mrs C H Remick and Mrs Lucien Lasalle.

2nd ward, W W Kuching, Annie Leo, Simonnette Leblanc, Leo Landry, Mrs Hy Belaire, Mrs Henry Mass, and Mrs J N Williams.

3rd ward, E A M Melanck, Laetie Broussard, Demosthene Trahan, J J Abadie, J H Putnam, Mrs L Sokoloff and Mrs Jos T Labat.

4th ward, Kemi Broussard Deane O Broussard, F D Lege, Mrs Maurice Villien, Mrs Trévillie Broussard and Mrs Frank Wall.

5th ward, John Abshire, Martin Sever, Howard H-fpauir, Mrs Deane Henry, Mrs Ivy Hoffpauir.

6th ward, Jules Laurent, Eugene Dechamps, Ambrose Monton, M L Mac Campbell, Arvène Hebert, Calvin Joseph Lemaire, Aurelieu Broussard, Mrs Henry C Harrington, Mrs Ben Faulk, Mrs E C Kibbe.

7th ward, John Nugier, A A Flery, H H Barrels, A Theat, Levi S Rio, Isaac White, Mrs L J Foray, Mrs Isaac Nourse, Mrs Sarrazin Hebert, Mrs Marie Leblanc, Mrs L H Kibbe, Mrs N Campbell.

It was further resolved that said sub-committees be requested and urged to obtain without delay all such sums as the charitable disposed persons of our neighborhood may see proper to contribute, for the benefit of this most noble and useful institution; and upon collection made they are requested to turn over the amounts to any of the members of the Parish committee, who will receipt for the same, and who will transmit the collections to the proper officers of said Charity Hospital.

Abbeville, La., April 28th 1883.

R. P. O'NEAL, Secretary.

A. NUNEZ, W. D. WHITE, Committee.