

Abbeville Meridional.

E. I. ADDISON, Proprietor.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1887.

FOR GOVERNOR:

Gen. F. T. Nicholls,
OF ASSUMPTION.

Misses Maud and Effie Young, of Lafayette, were in town last Sunday on a flying visit to their relatives.

Mr. Harrison Theall, a leading merchant of Royville, was among the visitors to Abbeville last Sunday.

The Vermilion Parish Medical Society will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in their room at the courthouse.

It was reported in Chicago recently that a majority of the judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois have decided to grant a new trial to the condemned anarchists.

Messrs. J. E. Tolson and G. C. Addison, of Rayne, were on a visit to our town and parish last Saturday. Mr. Tolson, we are informed, will soon open a lumber yard at this place. Success to the enterprise.

Our public schools closed yesterday for the summer. The School Board meets to-day and we presume will decide on what day the schools should be reopened. There is one thing that can be said in praise of our School Board, they manage to keep the schools open and to give the children of the parish as good an opportunity for an education as any other in the State, and better than a great many.

Areadia Lodge No. 3240 Knights of Honor meets to-night at 8 o'clock. There is some important work to be done, and it is hoped that every member who can possibly do so will be on hand. We also hope that our young friends will hasten to put in applications and come into our ranks, it will cost you only three dollars to join one of the most solid and substantial, social and benevolent orders of the day. Who will break the ice?

The excursion train to convey the excursionists from New Iberia to New Orleans to participate in the French feté, which is to take place in that city on the 14th, leaves Lafayette at 8 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, July 13th. Parties at this place wishing to attend this celebration will bear in mind this fact, if they wish to meet the train in due time at New Iberia that morning. Recollect the fare is but three dollars for the round trip.

The depressed condition of trade in some quarters is causing widespread feeling, and that to prevent want to a great extent, the working people will have to emigrate. Now that we have good crops of all kinds throughout the State, a better opportunity to immigrants could never offer itself to seekers of new homes and profitable employment. We have an abundance of open land now lying idle, which, if put into proper cultivation, would prove remunerative to the cultivator, and which can be rented, when parties are unable to purchase, at low figures. We have also cheap lands, within the reach of the poor man, and can be had on terms to suit purchasers. We need farmers and artisans in Louisiana to develop her vast resources and cultivate her rich soil, and to all such we extend a hearty welcome. The coming crops of wheat, corn, rice and potatoes will afford an abundant supply for all demands, hence, we say, if you wish to enjoy future prosperity and happiness, come to Louisiana and partake of her hospitalities.

The Road to Lafayette.

The Abbeville MERIDIONAL of the 4th ult., says:

"The Lafayette Advertiser of last issue speaks of an important road from that place to Scott being put in traveling order. Why not a good public road opened from Lafayette to Abbeville? There would be more trade and travel between these two points were there a good public road opened. Will Bro. Bailey try and impress this fact upon the minds of the Police Jury of that parish. We hope so."

"If the necessity existed for an appeal to the Police Jury to open the road referred to by our confrere of the MERIDIONAL, we would do so at once; but it does not, because the road itself exist. Abbeville is closely allied to Lafayette by several ties and we have been anxious to establish that intimate relationship which ought to exist between them. We have often wondered, for instance, why the Abbeville mail is not forwarded from this point.

The road we refer to is along the east side of the Vermilion bayou, and is in good traveling order. Our information is that the trouble is in Vermilion parish where there is no road, or if it ever existed is now closed. Let the road be opened by all means,—because in all probability it may be the precursor of a different sort of a road connecting the two places."—Lafayette Advertiser.

We think Bro. Bailey is mistaken. The necessity does exist. If we are not sadly misinformed the road from Abbeville to Lafayette on the west side of the bayou is not opened in that parish, but obstructed, or possibly not in existence. It is to this route we had reference. With regard to the road on the east side of the bayou, that one passing through Royville, is obstructed in this parish near the Lafayette line, and in that parish also. When our Police Jury dispose of the road squabble now on hand, and have the courts establish a precedent in such matters, we guarantee Bro. Bailey the obstacles will be speedily removed, as well as Vermilion's share of the half dozen or more gates which now shut up the road. But the road on this side of the bayou following the concession line, while it may be open in Lafayette, is not in good condition by any means, we are told, and this matter, we think, is an existing necessity, and an urgent one at that. We hope the Lafayette Police Jury will do its duty in the premises, and trust that the citizens of our sister town will bestir themselves about that other sort of a road—the rail one.

A Colored Editor's Views.

The Cape Fear Advocate, in a recent issue of that journal, says "there is nothing that does more to injure the negro race than the ignorant jackass preachers who prey upon the pockets of the colored people. On Sunday these Bible smashers can be seen after their pulpit harangue is over, sitting around some of their members' houses, with another man's wife, waiting for the last old hen to be put on the table that they may stuff their hypocritical hide. They, as a rule, are always wanting to build a church, and therefore can be found with a little book collecting money for that purpose, and when it has been built it would not make a good sized coal-house. Generally these pulpit gymnasts know as much about preaching as a Tennessee mule knows about probation after death." There is more truth than poetry in the foregoing, and it would be far better on the part of some of the so-called colored preachers were they to follow their legitimate business, that of handling the shovel and hoe, instead of trying to fill the position of good and wise men with their foolish and nonsensical harangue, as some of them do.

An epidemic of rabies among dogs and cattle are reported in Calhoun county, Florida.

Rail and Water Competition.

The Teche planters are determined to have Bayou Plaquemine opened to navigation, because the railroad freight rates are too high, and they want water competition. When the freight bill of a railroad almost equals the price paid for an article here, relief is made necessary. Such rates injuriously affect the commerce of this city, and the Teche planters should have the hearty co-operation of our business men in all efforts to bring about a change. New Orleans is deeply interested in securing cheap freight rates to its trade territory, whether by rail or water. The Teche planters are about to establish a line of steamers, under the management of an experienced steamboatman, and propose to make the opening of Bayou Plaquemine a very live issue politically and otherwise, until affected. With navigation through the Plaquemine, the distance to the Teche will be shortened 200 miles, as compared with the present route by the mouth of the Red River, and this saving will materially affect freight rates by steamer. For public safety a system of locks is to be used; it will also be essential to do some dredging, and remove the accumulated logs and timber, which now obstruct navigation. Every parish of the Attakapas region, by meetings of citizens and resolutions of police juries, have declared in favor of the project. The cry against exorbitant railroad freight rates is unanimous.—N. O. Chronicle.

It is to be hoped that we will soon realize the fact of having other outlets to markets for the products of the country, other than the present monopoly of freight carriage we now have. We are sadly in need of a railroad to this place, or direct water communication with some of the commercial centers, not only for cheap freights and a good market to enable us to purchase and sell to a greater advantage, but also to encourage people to come and dwell among us, and bring into cultivation the rich soil of our parish that is now remaining untilled, and which will, in return, pay handsomely to the cultivator of such. We are behind the age of progress, far behind our sister towns, some of which have less natural advantages than we, and for this reason, as much as any thing else, we should try and cope with them in the advancement of public enterprises, and show to the world we have a like pride for ourselves and the country in which we dwell. We have fine churches, good schools, excellent society, a beautiful and fertile country, so now let us use our utmost endeavors in getting an outlet to the outside world which will prove of great benefit to each and every individual, and the public at large; and something we can feel proud of, and which will prove a noble monument to hand down to posterity as an heritage for all time to come.

A special of the 27th from Girard, Morehouse parish, to the Picayune, gives an account of a riot which took place there, in which two white men and six negroes were killed and several wounded. The difficulty grew out of an attempt by a party of whites to arrest or lynch a negro who was accused of outraging a white woman. The whites went to the negro's house for this purpose and were fired upon by the criminal and his friends. A later dispatch states that on learning their whereabouts a posse went to arrest them, and when the sheriff and his men neared the cabin the negroes fired on them, killing G. W. Higginbotham, a young white man, and dangerously wounding Constables John Conger, Gardner and Baker. Constable John Conger died at 3 o'clock that evening with eleven bullets through him.

Governor Fitzhugh Lee says that he is in possession of information that induces him to believe that there will soon be a final settlement of the Virginia debt.

Advertise Your Business.

If the newspaper columns were a fair criterion—and they should be—of the importance or standing of the places in which they are published, we are liable to be deceived very often of the population and general business of many towns. Some papers are literally crowded with advertisements and special notices from their merchants, lawyers, doctors, mechanics, and reflecting a spirit of enterprise and business importance that leads the reader to infer that their town is one of much larger proportions than it really is, when, on the other hand, other papers are almost bare of any sign of thrift or enterprise of their people. In every instance towns remain dormant and of no importance—their citizens lack that spirit of enterprise to lead them on to any commercial standing. It is not a mere matter of speculation, but a well-known fact, that where enterprise is displayed, and the people advertise their towns and business, success and progress is the result. Let a newspaper be well filled with the business of its people, and it will draw attention—everybody will infer that it is a prosperous place, and thus it continues to grow and grow commercially and otherwise. No place will ever become of any importance without being advertised; there is no plan so advantageous as the advertising of each and every business prosecuted. It draws attention and forms a favorite impression abroad.

Farming Will Pay.

How often we are told "farming don't pay." Read the following from an exchange:

"Two years ago a farmer in Phelps, N. Y., died, leaving a widow, four children, and an \$1800 mortgage on the farm. The eldest child, a boy of fifteen, set to work at once to try and carry on the farm, and, according to a local newspaper, he has succeeded remarkably well. He has plowed the fields, sowed, cultivated and reaped; he has sole charge of a large number of cattle and horses on the farm; he has managed a retail milk business, and has himself marketed all of the farm products. Last summer he found time after his work in the fields to paint the house twice over and to build five new fences. In the winter he not only attends to the necessary work about the farm, but teaches a country school three miles away, fells timber in the woods on Saturday, and writes excellent letters to the local newspaper. The farm is not only out of debt and in splendid condition, but the lad and his mother have enough money on hand to buy twenty more acres of land."

Now, if such results can be secured in New York, what is to prevent a like or greater success in our own sunny southland? But there are farmers and farmers, and the person of so much vim as is manifested by that boy will succeed anywhere. We say most emphatically, farming will pay.

The loss resulting from the destruction of the city of Marshfield, Wisconsin, on the 28th ult., is estimated at not less than \$3,000,000. It is said there are about one thousand losers, the amount varying from \$500 to \$10,000. The scene among the poor people is said to be horrible. While seeking quarters elsewhere, some of them had no hats and there was hardly a woman who had any kind of wrap or shawl, they being merely clothed in their ordinary dresses and sunbonnets, while the children were even worse off, being barefooted, bareheaded and hungry. At Hurley, Wisconsin, an \$80,000 fire occurred the same night, destroying the business portion of that town. The town of Hurley is said to be one of the "mushroom settlements" in the mining region and the buildings were not very valuable.

The Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad.

A special to the Picayune of the 27th, from Alexandria, La., says the election for the tax in aid of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railway, which is soon to be built from here to Brinkley, Ark., came off quietly to-day. The voters turned out well and recorded a unanimous vote without a single exception for the 5 mill tax for ten years for the road, and 5 mill tax for three years to purchase the thirty acres of land for terminals. Four-fifths of the property holders expressed their willingness at the polls to grant the tax, and from what can be learned from Pineville on the 13th inst, the result of the election in that place will be similar to Alexandria. Let the balance of the parishes along the line of said road turn out as our people have to-day and we will soon have the road completed. There are so many roads proposing to come from very nearly the same direction, the above road should be called the Alexandria and Brinkley.

The Nicholls Headquarters.

The headquarters of the friends of General Nicholls' candidacy for the governorship were opened yesterday, at the corner of Chartres and Canal street. The room occupied is on the second story, and the situation is sufficiently central and convenient. The committees were at work last night, and there was an air of activity and business vigor about the session which indicated that the campaign has commenced in earnest.—N. O. Picayune, 22.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Vermilion. No. 173.

Theolin Lalonde vs. Widow and Heirs of Fulbert Landry.

To Ezilda Comeaux, widow of Fulbert Landry, deceased, and Natural Tutrix of the minors Nicholas, Emma Elida Landry, in her individual capacity and as such tutrix; and Adolphe Landry, Marcelle Landry, Louis T. Landry and Ursule Landry, wife of Arthur Nunez, and to her said husband, of the parish of Vermilion:

You, and each of you, are hereby cited to appear before our above said Court, at the Court-house, in the Town of Abbeville, La., on Tuesday, September 6, 1887, to answer the demand contained in the petition of Theolin Lalonde, and show cause why, an act of sale from the late Fulbert Landry to plaintiff herein and purporting to have been executed before Leo Perrot, Esq., Recorder of this parish on the 9th of December, 1869, for consideration of One hundred and twenty-five dollars cash, and by which was evidenced the conveyance, transfer and delivery of the following described property, to wit:

A certain tract of land situated in this parish, containing fifty superficial arpents, and being a portion of SW. quarter of section 8, T. 11, South of Range 3 East; thus bounded: North by Theolin Lalonde and Leonard Lalonde, South by Mrs. Ezilda Comeaux, East by land now owned by Leonard Lalonde and West by land now owned by Aurelien Primeaux, measuring three and a half arpents front north & south by fourteen arpents deep east & west, should not be reinstated and the evidence thereof revived and re-established.

Witness the Honorable C. Debailon, Judge of said Court, this 25th day of June, A. D. 1887.

LASTIE BROUSSARD,
Clerk of Court.

Meeting of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

The members of the Democratic Executive Committee are hereby requested to appear at the Court House, in the town of Abbeville, on Tuesday, July 5, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting a member for the State Central Committee from this (Vermilion) parish.

W. A. WHITE, Chairman.
LASTIE BROUSSARD, Secretary.
Abbeville, June 25, 1887.

Official Notice.

The following is a probable estimate exhibiting the various items of expenditure for the year 1887, adopted by the Police Jury at a regular session held on the 13th day of June, 1887, and ordered to be published for thirty days in the official journal according to law, before levying the same on the taxable property of this parish.

By order of the Police Jury:

| | mill |
|--|------|
| 1 Criminal Prosecution Fund..... | 1 |
| 2 Grand and Petit Juries..... | 1 |
| 3 Printing and Stationery..... | 1 |
| 4 District and Parish Attorney..... | 1 |
| 5 Sheriff holding Court..... | 1 |
| 6 Magistrates, Constables, Physicians, Collector and Assessor..... | 1 |
| 7 Roads and Bridges..... | 24 |
| 8 Paupers and Indigent..... | 1 |
| 9 Public Schools..... | 2 |
| 10 Court-House Fund..... | 2 |

Archie Young, Clerk Police Jury.
June 25, 1887.