

Abbeville Meridional.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29, 1891.

Town and Parish.

The cool weather is delightful.

Fodder is coming into town at one dollar a hundred.

Hon. G. B. Shaw has returned from Crescent City.

Master Russel Putnam has returned to school.

Louis Laporte, of Cheniere au Tigre, was in town Friday.

Miss Mamie Putnam was the guest of the Misses White the first days of this week.

The two story building occupied by Jacob Beer, cheap John, was re-roofed this week.

Marion A. Young came over from Rayne last Tuesday and will remain in town a while.

The Epworth League held a meeting last Tuesday night. There was a good attendance.

We are pleased to learn that our friend Payne Kibbe has recovered from his spell of sickness.

W. R. Ellis, who has been enjoying a Summer trip at Cheniere au Tigre, returned home Friday.

The Effect of Creole Female Tonic

It is almost magical in cases of prostration, pains in the back, rush of blood to the head, irregular or painful menstruation and female weakness.

Out worthy sheriff A. L. Leblanc left for New Orleans Sunday for the benefit of his health.

The cool north winds have given a decidedly autumnlike aspect to the latter part of August.

Hay is coming to town in considerable quantities. Choice crabgrass and rice hay is selling at \$9 and \$10 per load of about a ton.

Misses Mamie and Fannie Putnam, interesting daughters of J. Henry Putnam, left Wednesday for Jackson, where they will resume their studies.

The assessor has filed the roll for 1891 in the sheriff's office and every body can pay their taxes as soon as they like.

It is a terrible calamity that Judge Allen did not get a few pointers on levees from the Morris organ before making his speech here.

Mrs. J. A. Broussard and nephew, Master Richard Bernard, have returned from their recent visit to relatives at Abbeville, La., Mrs. B's old home.—Orange Tribune.

Your Family Physician

Will tell you that black law, colic and cinchona are among the best of tonics for the female organs. These are among the principal roots and herbs composing Creole Female Tonic, nature's great boon to suffering women.

The Morris organ though a raw recruit has moved out on the right flank, sees the deadly Winchester in the vest pocket of every anti and scents slaughter in every passing breeze.

The place of business just vacated by O. Bourque, is being neatly rearranged and converted into a saloon room. Aymar Bourque will begin the sale of choice liquors there in a few days.

Creole Female Tonic for diseases peculiar to the female sex, such as prolapsus uteri, weakness, irregularities, painful menstruation, is a cure provided by nature and is quick and permanent in its effects.

Mr. Ambrose Lacour will leave some time in the month of September for Bunkie, Avoyelles parish, with a large drove of choice creole horses, which he is now gathering up near Lake Arthur.

Advice to Budding Girls.

Rise early, take ample exercise and if suffering from complaints peculiar to your sex use Creole Female Tonic in time.

On last Tuesday the 18th inst. Mrs. Edmonia Simon, near Pt. Lyons, 43 miles south of Crowley, gave birth to three boy babies, one weighing 6 lbs. and the other two 5 lbs. each. The mother and babies are all doing well.

What is a home without a first class sewing machine? If you want satisfaction for dollars invested, be sure to secure a light running White Sewing Machine. See ad. in this issue.

Gus. Godchaux, returned this week from a trip to New Orleans and Franklin.

Capt. C. T. Cade, of New Iberia was in town Tuesday looking over the political situation.

Judge W. W. Edwards has returned from Opelousas and reports having seen some fine horse stock on his visit.

Major D. B. Gorham, one of the leading lawyers of Lake Charles, was in town on business last Wednesday.

There was a pleasant little gathering, at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. White, last Monday night.

The Public Schools open on the 7th day of next month. Have your children enter the first day so the teacher can move right on.

Miss Lillie French, one Iberia's bright daughters, who has been spending some weeks with Miss Leontine Beauxis, returned home last Monday.

The merry makers are soon to begin their series of Fall and Winter entertainments. Let them begin boys the girls are with you.

Miss Georgia Labit accompanied Miss Orrie Green on her return to Crowley and will spend several weeks at the home of the latter.

Rev. W. B. Gordy, brother of our district attorney, who has been spending a few days in Abbeville, went home Saturday morning.

During the space of thirty six hours this week the thermometer fell thirty two degrees. Such a fall is not known to have ever happened in this section, in August.

It was reported that the Regulators marched through town last Monday, but our cook was mistaken. She had seen O. Bourque's stock of guns carried from his old to his new stand.

Miss Dora Lyons returned home last Sunday morning from a pleasant visit to the Teche country. Miss Dora is one of our most popular girls and all the boys are glad to see her home again.

Syphroyen, Alias Babe Desormeaux was arrested last Saturday and imprisoned in the parish jail, under the charge of stealing a horse from Dr. F. F. Young. He was bailed the next day.

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The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bessan were pleased to see them this week once more in Abbeville, the place of their courtship's happy days. They were on a visit to their sister Mrs. George E. Lyons.

Jos. Legueneq says Vermilion is the place for the girls and has therefore accepted a position with our enterprising townsman O. Bourque. Jos. will be the first man behind the new counters and we know he is fully competent to grace them.

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Last Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of a short conversation with Major D. B. Gorham, of Lake Charles, and were gratified to learn from him that the Anti Lottery cause in Calcasieu is on a boom, and that Morris and his boodlers will meet a warm reception.

We would gently intimate to the Morris organ that it might be well for it to haul down the little pennant "official journal of the parish" which is still flying from its mast head. Some of your old friends, the horrid Antis, might think you have a penchant for sailing under false colors, you know.

Our friend Jas. A. Petty made a narrow escape from a severe injury one night this week, while returning from a very successful fish and hunt on the lake. It was dark and his horse becoming frightened at a cow in the road, ran into a wire fence with the sulky and cut Mr. Petty, who fell out of the sulky.

Politics make strange bedfellows, but John A. Morris' golden lottery wand has called up the prize lot. White supremacy and African cupidity, the bold regulator and the gentle coon, is a combination whose uncanny incongruity must make the very angels weep!

Last Monday evening a wagon load of boys and girls drove down into the woods below town after muscadines and returned with themselves, wagon and team covered with the green and grey of the woods. To judge from their hilarity they found plenty of fruit, had lots of fun and did not care who knew it.

We are requested to announce that an Anti-Lottery meeting will take place in the fourth ward, at Mrs. Treville Guidry's near the Alliance store, on next Saturday, September 5, 1891, at 12 o'clock noon. Gentlemen from Abbeville, Lafayette and Lake Arthur will address the meeting in French and English. Our correspondent adds, "If you want to see the fur fly come up."

The big lottery meeting last Saturday at Bull Island, was not exactly the howling success the Times Democrat claims. A friend of ours, who is a staunch lottery man, says the crowd was about 200. The Progressive League refreshment, beer, flowed freely and some of the stalwarts had not had any in so long that they guzzled down seven glasses before moving from their places at the counter.

Old Probabilities has been giving us some unprecedented weather this month. Last week was very hot and sultry, the thermometer reaching 93° on Tuesday and 94° on Thursday. On Saturday the heat moderated some 90° being the limit. Sunday was decidedly cooler and at night the mercury fell to 58°, a range of 32° in about 36 hours. The weather up to the present writing Friday morning is cool and pleasant.

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The Morris organ is apparently laboring very zealously to create the impression that the Antis here regard the lottery men as rascals or scoundrels and that they "belong to the lowest classes," all for the purpose of engendering bitter feelings. The Antis are not bigots, and we for one are willing to grant an honest difference of opinion to any man. We happen to have some very warm personal friends in this parish, who are lottery men, but we would not insult their intelligence by ascribing improper motives as actuating their course. We are sorry to see they take the wrong view of the question but we live in the hope that they will some day recognize the error.

Through the courtesy of Mr. O. H. O'Bryan, the following statistics have been taken from the Assessment Roll for 1891, which has just been completed and filed.

Real Estate.....	\$ 1,397,696 00
Stock.....	373,401 00
Merchandise.....	54,907 00
Other objects of taxat'n	91,139 00
Total assessment	\$ 1,917,043 00
Of this amount the whites own \$1,-	
846,710 and the blacks \$70,333.	
The tax is as follows:	
Parish.....	\$ 18,804 81
Poll.....	2,885 00
State.....	11,502 57
Total tax	\$ 33,192 38
Population:	
Whites.....	11,685
Blacks.....	3,188
Total	14,873

From the above it will be seen that while the negroes are 21 4-10 per cent of the population, they own only 3 6-10 per cent of the property.

The largest and the smallest single assessments are against non-residents: J. B. Watkins of Lake Charles, owning 282,530 acres valued at \$86,421 and Geo. O. Elms, of Opelousas, owning 84-100 of an acre valued at \$3.00. The total tax on this last is 5c.

The assessment is an increase of \$111,381.00 over last year, and the tax \$1700.24. The acreage under cultivation and the quantity of products raised, also show a marked improvement, and the entire roll is flattering to the future prosperity of our parish.

Editor Meridional:

About two weeks ago I received a copy of The Crowley Signal marked. A statement I made to the New Orleans Issue, that patents had been issued to a rail road company without consideration, for a large body of public land, was characterized as a "tissue of falsehoods" by Mr. C. C. Dason. As Judge E. T. Lewis, while a member of Congress, had prevented patents to this land from being issued, I called upon him for a statement of the case.

These are the facts: Several years ago the R. R. Co. obtained a grant of land conditioned upon the completion of the road within a time specified.

The grant was for every alternate section included between lines parallel with said road and ten miles from it on each side. But as some of the sections had already been filed upon the grant was extended ten miles on either side of the first grant. That is, the company was permitted to select enough land within the extension to indemnify them for land which had been filed upon in the original grant.

The company then proceeded to mortgage the land to John F. Dillon of New York. But the rail road never materialized. Has not been built yet. But the company applied for patents just the same. Judge Lewis opposed the application and moved for a forfeiture of the grant. He was brow-beaten and attempts were made to intimidate him. Failing in this, the company through its agent Mr. C. C. Dason made a successful attempt to defeat him for re-election. He, however, continued his opposition. Every attempt to obtain, patents failed during Cleveland's administration. Patents were obtained very lately and could not have been obtained without the co-operation of Mr. Congressman Robertson.

I asked Judge Lewis if the road was ever built. He answered, "No." "The company never had any better claim than you or I." In dealing with the farmer Congress recognizes the only basis for a land title, namely, occupancy and use. Accordingly by the farmer is required to go upon the land, improve and live upon it five years. So great is the repugnance to land speculation that when the farmer files final proof very often a counter affidavit is filed and the farmer spends a life time fighting obstacles and dies without obtaining his patent.

But millions upon millions of acres have been donated to rail road companies and land companies without stipulation, as to use. In fact, the whole of our magnificent public domain has passed into the hands of land sharks in this way.

In spite of the ranting of Mr. Dason and others the American people will soon call for an accounting. And lest there should be a misunderstanding as to their power, intentions and purposes I quote from Lord Chief Justice Colderidge on May 25, 1887, in an address at the Queen's room, Glasgow, Scotland, he said: It seems an elementary proposition that a free people can deal as it thinks fit with its common stock.

Then after reciting that, "There are estates on those islands of more than a million acres" and that the trade of a great emporium might be checked or even destroyed by the simple will of one or more great land owners, he says: All this may beto the general advantage and if it can be shown to be so, by all means, they ought to be maintained, but if not, does any one with anything he is pleased to call his mind, deny, that a state of law under which a country itself could exist, not for its people but for a mere handful of them, ought to be instantly and absolutely set aside?

I could quote from the ablest Americans to sustain this point. I mailed to the Crowley Signal a lengthy article from the pen of Samuel B. Clarke of the New York bar. Mr. Dason can obtain for five cents a copy of "Back to the land," an address to the clergy and laity, of Meath, by the Catholic Bishop Nulty. The United States is thickly sown with tracts like these and from a thousand platforms the idea is thundered. The woods and plains are full of cranks. As for vituperation and abuse they proceed only from people who are conscious of occupying untenable positions. The guild of cranks, never indulge in them. I will be sufficiently condemned when my assertions are proven to be false.

Yours truly,
D. C. DAVID.
Ville Platte, La.

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F. F. YOUNG, M. D.
R. J. YOUNG, M. D.
August 15, 1891.

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Tax Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Rolls for the year 1891 have been deposited in my office, and that the taxes assessed for said year are set forth in the said rolls now on file in my office and in the office of the Recorder of this parish, that they are now due, and will become delinquent on the 31st day of December, 1891, and will draw 2 per cent per month interest from that date, according to the provisions of section 40 of Act No. 98 of 1886, until paid or the property be sold in accordance with Article 210 of the Constitution.

Sheriff's office, Abbeville, La., August 29, 1891.

A. L. LEBLANC,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.
Per L. O. BROUSSARD,
Deputy Sheriff & Tax Collector.

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NOTICE.

ABBEVILLE, La., July 28, 1891.

By mutual consent and agreement the law firm of White & Broussard is hereby dissolved, and Lastie Broussard, Esq., is appointed liquidator to collect claims due the firm.

W. A. WHITE,
LASTIE BROUSSARD.

Monition.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
25th Judicial District Court,
Parish of Vermilion.
No. 409.

Orate Boulet vs. Ex Parte Monition.

To all whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given all persons, who can set up any right to the property hereinafter described, claimed to have been purchased by plaintiff in the above entitled and numbered case, at tax sale made by Joseph S. Nunez, then tax collector for the parish of Vermilion, on the 10th day of September 1885, in consequence of any informality, irregularity or illegality in any of the proceedings had or for any other defect whatsoever, to show cause within thirty days from this date why said sale should not be homologated and confirmed for the following land, viz: One certain tract of land lying and being situated in this parish on the east side of the bayou Quebe Tortue, bounded by — Foreman, below by widow Eli Hoffpauir, in the rear by vacant lands, containing four hundred acres for the sum of twenty-nine 40/100 dollars.

Witness the Hon. O. C. Mouton, Judge of said Court, this 4th day of August A. D. 1891.

ALCIDE LEBLANC,
Clerk of Court.

NOTICE.

The public are hereby notified that all passing through or trespassing upon our premises, either field or pasture is positively prohibited, and any person caught upon the premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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