

# Abbeville Meridional.

Two Dollars a Year

Saturday, May 28, 1898.

## Town and Parish.

Welcome rain.

Out of sight—the dust.

Hope we have bid farewell to the drouth.

Wednesday was good and hot. Nine-two degrees in the shade at 3 p. m.

District court, criminal term, closed Thursday, when the petit jurors were discharged.

Bicyclists have to a great extent abandoned their wheels on account of the intensity of the dust.

The procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin at the Catholic church will take place Sunday evening.

The lawn tennis club are taking advantage of the fine dry weather and putting in a good deal of time with the game.

District court this week has been busy with cattle stealing cases and convictions have followed in almost every instance.

Blackberries are now on the market and while owing to the drouth they are not plentiful they are selling readily at ten cents a gallon.

Frank Glore, the Gueydan crack bicycle rider who lost the last race, will try his luck again in a match race with our Bonin on July 10th.

Thursday evening, at 3 o'clock the long drouth was broken by a fine shower, which laid the dust and freshened up the parched vegetation.

Ned Bergman gave a picnic last Friday and it was a huge affair. Our absence is the only thing that interferes with giving a more graphic account.

Fishing is now the order of the day and most of the young men of leisure the entire day trying to capture some of the finny tribe and at night recount their experiences on every corner until it is hard to tell whether they are expert fishermen—or liars.

Isaac Wise was the purchaser of the Hope Mill plantation, sold last Saturday at the succession sale of the late Henry Bartells. The property consists of 1700 acres of fertile lands and many improvements, and was bid in for \$21,160.

Grass is all burned to a crisp and the parched earth is fissured by great cracks, the clouds give no promise of rain and the fear is great that the drouth of 1896 which was so severe in north Louisiana may find repetition here.

There will be about 150 teachers in our city, during the month of June, to attend the Summer Normal. This is a project the town should farther and in no way can it show its encouragement more than by providing pleasant homes for the teachers who come here.—Iberian.

Alex Budro came up from Scott last Wednesday to advertise the fair which will take place in that town on the 4th and 5th of June. Mr. Budro informs us that the people of Scott are leaving nothing undone to make the fair a success in every particular.—Lafayette Gazette.

The trial of Telesmar Marceaux, charged with cattle stealing came off Tuesday. The prisoner was represented by Edwards & Greene, Jos. A. Chargois and L. L. Bourges, while District Attorney Gordy appeared for the state. Objection was made by prisoners counsel to a trial by a jury of five but the objections were peremptorily overruled by Judge Debailion and the trial of the case proceeded with. Preston Morgan, Justillien Thibodeaux Sam B. Henry, Ozime Chataigner and Hollis P. Porter composed the jury and it was nearly midnight when the arguments closed and the case was given to them for deliberation. At 7 o'clock next morning they informed the court they had reached a verdict. Court was opened and they found the prisoner guilty as charged in the bill of indictment. It is reported that the jury for a while stood three for conviction and two for acquittal.

## Love Song of the 21st Century.

THE KISS.

Dear heart! What seems indifference  
Is but procrastination.  
You know 'tis folly to be led  
By cardiac pulsation.  
Bacteriology and germs  
Forbid all osculation.

Time was when simple rules sufficed  
For armorous didactics  
Ah! now—a-days a lover bold  
Must learn the ancient tactics  
And meet the dangers as they confront  
With modern prophylactics.

And since infection is so dread,  
We may not jeopardize us;  
If osculation must be done,  
Why all the books advise us  
To straightway seek the Board of Health  
That they may sterilize us.

## Will the Railroad be Extended?

This week, a party of Southern Pacific surveyors have been here surveying lines from the bayou towards Gueydan. No one has learned just what was the object of the survey but the presumption is that it is but the preliminary steps toward the extension of the I. & V. R. R. to Gueydan where it will connect with the Midland branch.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.  
Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's family Pills are the best.

## The Jury of Five.

Owing to the conflict of opinion as to when the new jury of five as provided by article 116 of the new Constitution becomes effective, and the strenuous opposition raised by the consul of accused parties sought to be tried under the new law. Judge Debailion concluded to await a definite opinion thereon by the Supreme Court, rather than run the risk of retrying the cases. Accordingly, Thursday, he discharged the petit jurors for the balance of the term. As soon as a new jury law is passed by the legislature we suppose a term of court will be held to dispose of the cattle stealing cases.

## REGISTRATION.

Notice is hereby given that the office of registrar of voters for the Parish of Vermillion, Louisiana, will be open from this day up to the 31st day of August 1898, for the purpose of registering all persons residents of said parish who are entitled to register under Sec. 5. of Article 197 of the Constitution of 1898.

Just as soon as the necessary supplies are received I will give public notice of the days and places throughout the parish, at which I will be ready to register voters during the month of July as the law requires.

SIMONET LEBLANC,  
Assessor and Ex-officio Registrar.  
Abbeville, La., May 28, 1898.

## Ladies Aid Concert.

Thursday night, the French Hall was crowded to witness the entertainment given by the Ladies Aid Society. The following programme was rendered most artistically and enthusiastically received: Instrumental music by Orchestra; Song, Wreck of the Maine, Miss Daisy Feray; Instrumental solo, Miss Georgie Labit; Vocal duet, Wont you come to tea party, Master Lloyd and Jeanette White; Recitation, Miss Holmes; Duet, violin and piano, Miss Georgie Labit and Mr. Ieseman; Vocal solo, Afterwards, Miss Dickson; Recitation, Hagar, Miss Mamie Putnam; Vocal solo, Nightingale, Miss Alexander. The programme closed with a very beautiful tablean, after which refreshments were served.

## ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

State of Louisiana, }  
Parish of Vermillion. }

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 21 of Act 106 approved July 9, 1890, notice is hereby given to tax payers of said parish of Vermillion and corporation of Abbeville, that listing of property both real and personal of said taxpayers is completed together with the valuation placed upon said property by the assessor and that said list will be exposed in my office for inspection and correction for the term of twenty (20) days beginning June 1, 1898.

Given under my official signature this 21st day of May 1898.

SIMONET LEBLANC,  
Assessor.

## Personal Mention.

J T Labit and G Godchaux went to Iberia Sunday.

Dr N D Young, of Royville, was in town Thursday.

Grad J Young, of Patterson, was in town several days this week.

W O Pipes and wife of Gueydan, were in town several days this week.

Jos A Chargois, of Lafayette, has been attending court here this week.

Eraste Mouton made a rother trip to Belle Ile last week for a boat load of cattle.

J S Ewell and Ned Bergman made a business trip to Gueydan Tuesday night.

Mrs T B Brooks and children, of Opelousas, is visiting her sister Mrs Dr R P Nelson.

Chas A Dupuy, formerly connected with the daily Iberian, was in town last week.

H M Ansley, a young attorney of New Orleans, is here this week attending court.

Oliver Broussard, the leading druggist of Rayne, was over here Thursday on a visit.

R H Washburn, life insurance agent, has been here this week working up business.

Chas Fontelleu, a leading criminal lawyer of New Iberia, is here this week attending court.

Frank Godchaux, who has been attending Tulane University, returned home this week.

Jas A Petty was over in Crowley this week and secured a contract for building a fine residence.

J R Maxwell, of Maxwell & Putnam, cotton buyers, has been here this week attending to business of the firm.

Miss Neosha Vanslyke has returned home after an absence of several years at school in Bloomfield, Indiana.

Albert Estorge, of New Iberia, a leading wholesale druggist of that town was here this week, taking orders.

Jos S Ewell made a trip to Crowley this week to bring over a lot of new buggies he had shipped to that point.

Little Winnie, the daughter of Mr and Mrs W A White, has been sick for the past ten days with malarial fever.

Mrs Theodyle Theriot left last week for New Orleans to see her son Rel, who is now a soldier in a Mississippi regiment.

L F Corrodi, the photographer, suffered a sad loss Thursday evening in the death of his little son aged fifteen months.

Miss Alice Blanchet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clerville Blanchet and Gilbert Broussard were married at the Catholic church Thursday evening.

The little son of Dr Robert J Young is slowly recovering from a severe attack of broncho-pneumonia, and will we trust soon be restored to health.

Willie Hooley, Jack Kibbe and Frank Williams, returned from New Orleans last week where they stood a successful examination as registered pharmacist.

R H Mills, the popular manager of the R H Mills Drug Co's store, was unfortunately badly scalded last Wednesday morning by the overturning of a cup of hot coffee.

Mrs L Sokoloski entertained the enchre club last Saturday night. Miss Mamie Putnam won the ladies first prize, a silk fan; Mrs A O Landry won the second prize a belt decorated with the national colors.

Elsewhere will be found the card of Judge Robert S Perry, of New Iberia. He is too well known here, at his boyhood home to require any introduction at our hands. Ripe in experience he will be found a safe and wise attorney.

Rev Harry, of Washington, La, who at one time was stationed here as pastor of the Methodist church, was in town this week in the interest of the Union Central Life Insurance Co, having withdrawn from the ministry.

## Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try, and buy again it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists 10c, 25c, 50c, a box, cure guaranteed.

# NEW SPRING GOODS

—A FULL LINE OF—  
FRESH STOCK RECEIVED

# LEVY'S EMPORIUM

## Grand Jury Report.

ABBEVILLE, LA., May 20, 1898.  
To the Honorable Judge, of the 17th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of Vermillion, La:

Your Grand Jury empaneled for service during this term of your honorable court beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully and diligently examined all crimes and offenses coming to our knowledge from all sources and have made due report of same in the number of indictments and not true bills reported in your court.

The Grand Jury of this term of court is especially proud to inform the people of Vermillion parish that cattle stealing is on the wane; true, there have been a number of bills reported against individuals at this term of the court for cattle stealing, but they are only a sequel to the investigations carried on by the last Grand Jury against those offenders of the law. We believe that if the Petit Jurors at this term of court perform their duties as fearlessly as the Petit Jurors did at the last term of court that cattle stealing will have received its death blow.

The last Grand Jury recommended the leaks in the courthouse roof be remedied and thus save the inner structure of the building from decay; these defects so pointed out have not been corrected and we again suggest that the parish authorities lose no further time in this matter. There are some other minor defects about the courthouse building which ought to receive immediate attention, notably the south corridor has a defective floor.

The courthouse offices including the Sheriff and Clerk's are kept in proper order and condition.

We made careful examination of the parish jail and must say that building is greatly in need of repair. Its unsanitary condition is such as to make incarceration therein dangerous and unhealthful. We earnestly recommend the Police Jury to take the necessary steps to correct the existing evils.

The financial standing of the parish is shown by report of Parish Treasurer hereto annexed and made part hereof. The public schools of the parish are as follows: Teachers employed in white schools 45; teachers employed in colored schools 3. We are glad to report that education is largely on the increase in our parish and that the people generally are taking more interest in seeing that their children are receiving the benefit of an education.

We believe that education ought to be encouraged and that the parish owes to the children the best education in keeping with its finances.

ADAM BOUDREAUX,  
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

## ABBEVILLE, LA., May 27, 1898.

To the Honorable Foreman and Members of the Grand Jury of Vermillion parish. The following is the financial standing of the parish at this date:

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| Surplus fund has on hand                                       | 954 51     |
| License fund has on hand                                       | \$1956 85  |
| Civil pros fund has on hand                                    | 1195 29    |
| Mag const & phys fund has on hand                              | 65 12      |
| Dist atty & shff fund has on hand                              | 1071 49    |
| Civil expense fund has on hand                                 | 132 45     |
| Road & bridge has on hand                                      | 582 50     |
| And for school purposes the following represents the standard: |            |
| Rent of school land has on hand                                | \$ 1473 50 |
| Amounts appropriated   | 14637 86   |
| Contg fund is overdrawn  | 1206 05    |
| Genl school fund is overdrawn                                  | 9818 57    |

Very Respectfully,  
ELI WISE,  
Par. Treas.

## Erath Echoes.

EDITOR MERIDIONAL:  
Blackberries are ripe and very fine considering the drouth.

The ball at Theriot's ball Saturday night was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beauregard of Perry spent Sunday at Live Oak farm.

J. M. Ransom has been on the sick list for two days past and not much better today.

Ollie White and Miss May Maxfield

spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Live Oak farm.

Miss Eva Dupont of Orange, Texas, is spending a couple of weeks with her aunt Mrs. Beauregard at Perry.

The public schools here will finish up this year with an exhibition for which they are already preparing.

There is talk of organizing a Sunday School here. We think it would be a very good thing and hope it will be a success.

Erath is improving fast and buildings going up in all directions. It can't fail to make a good town with such good country around it. Isn't it about time for some one to start a newspaper here?

Not any rain in this vicinity for a month past and the dust almost suffocating. Gardens are fast drying up; the vegetable crop will be very short if the rain does not come soon, but the crops are standing the drouth well; cane and corn are growing nicely. The crops are all clean and in good condition for rain.

May 23, 1898. SUNFLOWER.

Tuesday evening news came by telephone that Sampson's fleet had destroyed the Spanish squadron under Cervera in the Windward passage east of Cuba. Great rejoicing was made over the news and if there had been no doubt as to its accuracy the boys would have built bonfires and fired an-ils.

## ROBT. S. PERRY, ATTORNEY - AT - LAW

NEW IBERIA, LA.  
Will practice in the parishes of St. Mary, St. Martin, Iberia, Vermillion and Lafayette. 5-28-98

## W. D. GOOCH, LAND AGENT.

Large lot of lands on hand for sale or for rent.  
Will purchase or rent for others. Have on hand some choice lands at \$4 per acre well improved. 5-14  
Abbeville, Louisiana.

## Miss M. E. Ashley, Fashionable MILLINER & DRESSMAKER

Have just received The Latest Styles in Ribbons, Veiling Muls, Clifions, and Latest Novelities in Ties and Hats in all shapes and styles. Call and examine before going elsewhere.  
State street, new building.

## J. W. SHANKS, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

ABBEVILLE, LA.  
Office with M. T. Gordy.

## Go To M. L. Young; BARBER SHOP.

For an easy Shave or a Trim Hair Cut. Next to the Rack-et Store on Port street.

## To The Public!

I have opened a Blacksmith & General Repair shop at Brookshier's old stand adjoining the Leblanc gin and hope by good work and fair dealing to merit a share of your patronage.

## HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY

A. F. MAXFIELD & SONS.  
Abbeville, La., Jany. 2, 1897.

## R. P. Nelson D. D. S.

ABBEVILLE, LA.  
Residence and Office in building late occupied by E. M. Feray.

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