

# Abbeville Meridional.

Two Dollars a Year

Saturday, October 7, 1899.

**Southern Pacific.**  
WEST BOUND  
No. 20 arrives New Iberia 2:51 P. M.  
" 18 " " " 10:20 "

EAST BOUND  
No. 17 arrives at New Iberia 1:54 P. M.  
" 19 " " " 5:59 A. M.

**L. & V. Route.**  
Arrives. ABBEVILLE EXPRESS. Leaves  
10:30 3:00

LOCAL DEPARTURE.  
Leaves 9:00 a. m. Arrives 4:30 p. m.

## Town and Parish.

"DUST."  
"Man is but dust,"  
But know thou dost.  
He's got to dust  
To get the dust.

New syrup in town.

The roads are extremely dusty.

Old newspapers 20 cents a hundred at this office.

If you wish to have a winter garden, sow the seeds now.

The petit jurors for the first week were discharged until the 16th of October.

The "merry-go-round" have struck town and the small boys and their nickels will soon part.

The farmers certainly have been blessed with good weather to save their rice crops this year.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McHenry was blessed with the arrival of a sweet little girl Monday.

Stamping of all kinds for embroidery, such as doilies, centerpieces borders, etc., neatly done, Mrs. M. Lyons, Abbeville, La.

The town has been pretty well crowded with country people attending court this week. Some had business and others came through curiosity.

Mr. Pringles, the overseer of the Hunter canal had the misfortune of breaking one of his legs in his own yard. The accident happened on the 30th of September.

We have been enjoying splendid weather for hay making, and a quantity of it was made during the week. With such ideal weather, every farmer should have his full winter supply of good hay. Let us all make hay while the sun shines.

Business promises to be brisk this season and the merchants are claiming a good deal of space. There is no better news than information where your money can be spent to your advantage. It will pay everybody to read our advertising columns.

The following is worthy of consideration by a good many of the young men everywhere: "We always feel sorry for a girl who is stuck on a fellow who will spend a dollar for ice cream and chocolate, and three for a Sunday ride for her, on a six-dollar-a-week salary."

Our young friend Fernand Gautreaux, the obliging clerk at Ode Richard's butcher shop was all smiles Monday morning, and it was all on account of a young "soldier" arriving at his residence that morning. He says that now he will dispense with his alarm clock to wake him up of mornings. Mother and child are doing well.

The house of Victor David, living about six miles northwest of Abbeville was destroyed by fire last Sunday at about 11 o'clock in the day, while the family was away, and before anybody arrived everything was lost except three feather beds, he also lost cotton to the amount of about three bales. The fire is supposed to have originated in the cotton.

## MATTINGS

250 rolls from 10c to 75c. Any color you wish. Any price you want to afford. Any number of yards you need. New styles, New colors, New weaves, New prices.

## SHADES

Three tons of . . . Shades This is no dream. My second latest shipment of shades weighed 3200 lbs. I have them, any price from 10c to \$5.00, and can make up any size in most colors to 10 feet wide and 12 feet long.

## White Enameled Iron Beds

of all sizes, and prices, anything and everything you can need in furniture, and at bottom prices. My prices must be right, and I must buy and sell right or I couldn't carry the stock I do.

Come over and see it.

My show rooms comprise two floors 48x107, and I use five other floors for storage. I only keep house furnishings and vehicles, and don't attempt to carry green salt shoulders, and straw hats. Only two lines well carried out, and not twenty lines with no assortment in any.

Only trying to do a few things well, and devoting my entire time, floor space and capital to only two lines enables me to offer you a better selection and lower prices than you will find in any country store.

I have the best vehicles in a long way around, and offer better values in Vehicles and Harness than you can obtain in the South.

You can come over and see the stock and I will pay freight on any quantity of goods you buy over \$10.00.

Sole Agent for Columbia, and Hartford Bicycles for New Iberia Abbeville, and St Martinsville.

R. S. McMAHON.

New Iberia, La. Foot of French St.

## One Good Use For Printer's Ink.

The following is taken from the Franklin Banner and fits this town:

"How is it that our merchants stand so much in their own light as not to advertise? Surely, the great business men and corporations of the country at large must reap the benefit of printer's ink else there would not be such a liberal use of it. Pick up the papers of almost any small town, except Franklin, and advertisements of every sort and description meet the eye. One man has in a lot of fresh groceries, out comes the list with prices attached. Another has seasonable drygoods—temptingly are they described and marked. Money to loan—Real estate to dispose of—Type writers bought, sold and repaired—Dainty and business stationary—hardware—shoes—drugs—all have their cozy corners in the papers, except Franklin. A striking illustration of the good accruing from advertising comes from Patterson. A merchant in that small village by letting it be known through the "Optic," sold to a party here in Franklin a lot of furniture and delivered the same free of charge. The buyer, without leaving home, saw described exactly what was wanted and gave an order. Strange sights present themselves on our streets, often, pig's feet go flying through the air, codfish and mackerel swim complacently through the upper ether—New syrup drops from somewhere—Cranberries, like largess, seem ready to be thrown to the crowd—Grape-nuts hang from invisible trees and sour kraut gives one an easy feeling as it swings to the breeze. Strange sights—strange business methods!"

## Steady Increase in the Demand for Pianos.

As winter draws closer on us, the demand for pianos still increases. This is felt more forcibly by the old reliable house of Philip Werlein, Limited, 614-616 Canal street, New Orleans, La. But they are equal to any emergency and are prepared to fill all demands with the utmost promptness and satisfaction.

Their fall stock is enormous and they are at present offering excellent bargains to the trade. Read last Sunday's "Item" and you will be convinced. You will do well to send in your order at once.

The cisterns are getting pretty low and unless it rains in a few days some people will be out of water.

## GRAND JURY REPORT.

To the Honorable C. DeBailion, Judge:

Your Grand Jury duly empaneled for service at this sitting of your honorable court having made diligent inquiry into all violators of the law the public welfare as well as all other matters and things within scope of our duties, having performed that service to the best of our abilities beg leave to report as follows:

That we have made careful examination of the parish jail and find that its sanitary conditions is as good as possible under existing condition. The prisoners incarcerated states that they are well cared for and as to the jail there is nothing to suggest except that we consider the size of the jail wholly inadequate for the comfort of the prisoners whom might be lodged there; and we therefore take the liberty of suggesting to the Police Jury that as soon as the financial condition of the parish will permit, they build a new jail or enlarge the present one by the addition of another steel cage. This suggestion becomes the more urgent because whites and blacks, and men and women charged with serious offences are compelled to occupy the same cage; which should not be the case.

That we have examined the office of the Sheriff of the parish and found that his books are properly kept and the duties of his office properly administered and performed; he exhibited to us his quietus for settlements with the Auditor and Parish Treasurer, which settlement were made for funds collected up to Oct. 1, 1899.

That we carried our investigation into the Clerk's office and found the affairs therein are properly managed and the records of the parish safely and properly kept. The vault in which the records are placed for safe keeping is unsatisfactory on account of it being too dark and damp both of which defect we suggest should be remedied if possible.

We are sorry to say that as regards the Court House proper the Police Jury has not acted upon the suggestion of the preceding Grand Jury, by repairing the floor of the hall-way leading to the south door of the court house, and we respectfully urge that the floor be remedied at once, aside from this defect our investigation developed in nothing that require any special notice, the court building generally being in a good state of preservation and well kept.

We called upon the Treasurer for the purpose of ascertaining the financial condition of the parish, the public monies are in safe hands and properly kept; he exhibited to us his books together with a statement of the parish financiers, which statement is hereto attached and made a part of this report.

## Treasurer's Report.

To the Honorable Foreman and Members of the Grand Jury, Parish of Vermilion, La.

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the financial standing of the Parish of Vermilion this 5th day October, 1899.

Surplus fund has on hand	\$ 18 40
Abbeville bridge	308 79
Mag. Con. & Phys	121 80
Dist atty & Shff by reservation of shff for his ac, ov'rd	894 62
Crim prosecution on hand	927 98
Civil expense, on hand	535 21
Road and Bridge on hand	257 38
School Funds.	
Amt appropriated on hand	3200 10
Contingent fund ov'rd	1831 68
Gen. School	503 35
Rent of lands	50 00

Respectfully,  
Eli Wise, Treasurer,  
Parish of Vermilion.

We are informed from our investigation that the parish while not deeply but is somewhat in debts, and we therefore advise a careful and economical administration of its finances to the end that the year 1900 will find us clear of any debts whatsoever.

We are pleased to state that the public schools of the parish will compare very favorably if they are not better than those in other parishes. The teachers employed are required to submit to the rules and regulations as laid down by statutory enactment and through that men the teachers are up to the standard required, but while under existing conditions we are doing well there is room for much improvement, for instance a high school situated in the parish would be an immense advantage to the people of the parish, because it would enable them to educate their sons and daughters in higher branches at home, instead of having to send them away at enormous expense. In some localities there are not sufficient number of school buildings which is due we are informed by the Parish Superintendent to the insufficiency of funds and we therefore in view of the manifest importance of the universal public school education recommend a levy of an additional one mill for school purposes.

As to the public roads of the parish

ish we have received no complaint from any source and our observation is that the roads are in fairly good condition.

Crimes in the parish of Vermilion in proportion to the population are few and there are but few crimes of violence, in fact, the court has not had to deal with a murder case for several years; but we are sorry to report that the prevailing crime in our midst is Larceny, and that so far as our investigation informs us is chiefly committed by white people, and in spite of the fact that cattle stealing has been surely and successfully punished, that too has again assumed large proportion.

We have been greatly assisted in the performance of our labor by the able and instructive charge administered to us by your Honor, and have attempted as far as lay in our power to comply with the same in both its spirits and letter. In view of the fact that your Honor will not be among us as our presiding Judge after the April election and in view of the fact in all probability no other Grand Jury will form a part of the court before the change in our Judicial District we feel that we would be ungrateful and ungrateful if we failed to commend your Honor for the uniform fairness and justice with which your action have been guided as the presiding Judge of this court of the parish of Vermilion, will lose an upright and impartial Judge who has ever been mindful of the welfare of its people.

We are certainly thankful toward our able District Attorney for his kind assistance he has favored us with in performing our duties.

We also extend thanks to all the officers of the court for the courtesy they have shown us.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. T. BROUSSARD,  
Foreman, Grand Jury.

## What Gossip Has Done.

Gossip has made many a hell on earth. Gossip has parted many husbands and wives. Gossip has blackened and sullied the character of many girls. Gossip has parted lovers who would have been happy if it had not been for it. One little misstep or one little indiscretion will cause gossip to raise with new strength and start on her mission. A good, healthy gossip is about as low and mean and dangerous as the meanest thing on earth. There are quite a few in Abbeville we regret to say.

## District Court.

The District Court opened on Monday with Judge DeBailion on the bench. The following gentlemen were drawn to serve as a grand jury for the ensuing six months: J. Treville Broussard, Foreman, George Derouen, Jules V. Leblanc, Felix Langlais, Clement Fletcher, F. L. Melbeck, D. B. Smith, W. O. Hooley, Chas. M. Burt, J. H. Raffie, John D. Labit and Wm. H. Sarver.

Dust.

Dusty. Dustiest.

Dust is everywhere nowadays.

Hay making is the order of the day and lots of it come to town for sale.

We rejoice with our farmers that cotton brings a better price than last year.

Our nimrods are getting their guns in shape for the hunting season is upon us.

The threshing season is well advanced and nearly every machine in the country is putting in full time.

Cotton is opening very rapidly and will soon be all picked out. Prices here are \$18 per 1000 pounds in the seed.

A few long tongued women, a few chronic kickers and mischief making liars can do more to run a town or community into bankruptcy and finally into perdition than all the other common evils combined.

No town dies of itself any more than towns grow and prosper of themselves. It is the people of the town, the energy that they put forth, that makes the town live, busy and prosperous. Don't talk about your town being dead. If it is, you and a good many others are dead too.

## Personal Mention.

Dy-clerk J. G. Leblanc has been suffering with a sore hand this week.

Col. Gus Breaux of Lafayette has been here this week attending court.

Oscar Leblanc of the Chenier, came in this week with a load of oysters.

Our old friend Ambrose Lacroix, of Monton's cove paid us a visit Monday.

Simonet Leblanc spent a part of the week in Cheniere aux Tigre registering.

Hon. Adrien Nunez, of lower Vermilion, spent a few days in town this week.

Gus Berdon, of New Orleans was in town Tuesday, taking orders for clothing.

J. Goldsmith, representing Albert McKie, New Orleans, was in town Wednesday.

William Choate, the big cattleman of Chenier aux Tigre, spent the week in Abbeville on business.

Dr. C. J. Edwards, arrived Wednesday evening, from Chicago, where he spent a pleasant and profitable season.

J. P. Gueydan, a well known citizen of that town was shaking hands with his numerous Abbeville friends Thursday.

N. O. Bourque and wife came over from New Orleans Sunday to spend a few days in Abbeville with friends and relatives.

Judge DeBailion came over from Lafayette Sunday to be on hand the next day to open court. The Judge is in fine health.

Bertrand Adler, representing Moyses Bros., of Cincinnati, the distillers of "Old Monopole Rye Whiskey" was in town Thursday distributing that famous brand among the trade here.

D. E. Smith of Gueydan, spent the week in town, he was a member of the grand jury. He reports plenty of rice in his vicinity and that people are taking advantage of the good weather and threshing their crops.

## \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer a \$100 Reward Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists 75c.

Hall's family Pills are the best.

The town constable has taken up a half grown Berkshire black sow with few white spots, which will be sold if not claimed.

For job printing of all kinds, call at this office. Prices cheap.

## QUARTERLY REPORT

of the condition of the

## Bank of Abbeville, La.,

Furnished the State Examiner of State Banks for the quarter ending September 30, 1899.

## RESOURCES:

Real Estate, B'g House furniture, fixture	\$ 6,300 00
Loans maturing after 90 days	40,757 27
Loans maturing within 90 days	54,120 89
Loans on demand	11,348.70 \$106,226 85
Expenses paid	2,373 73
Overdrafts	7 75
Cash & sight exchange	39,740 64
	\$154,649 07

## LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	40,000 00
Undivided profits	8,208 12
Dividends unpaid	20 00
Deposits	71,420 95
Bills payable	36,000 00
	\$154,649 07

I, Eli Wise, President, and L. O. Broussard, Cashier of the above being duly sworn, declare that the above report is a true and correct statement of the condition of this Bank.

Eli Wise, President.  
L. O. BROUSSARD, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, A. D., 1899.  
A. J. GOLDEN, Notary Public.

## JURY VENIRE.

List of Grand and Petit Jurors drawn to serve at the October Session of the 17th Judicial District Court in and for Vermilion parish, La., commencing on Monday the 2nd day of October, A. D., 1899, to-wit:

Name	Ward	Name	Ward
Leopold Demary	2	Altoppe Brasseur's	8
Larkin Hoffpauir	2	Earl Fisher	8
Armand Leprotte	3	Colt Broussard	4
Ernest Morgan	5	Val Harrington	5
W S Fairry	7	Paul Montagne	3
Charles Cessac	8	Nicholas Blanc	4
Joseph Trahan	2	Henry Lemaire	2
H A Petry	6	Robert Davidson	7
J-Eustace Leblanc	3	T M Turner	8
Florin Keller	3	Willie Young	7
Louis Leotand	3	James H Smith	8
Aristide Lee	2	J B Becker	7
Cleo Broussard	3	Oscar Delano	3
H P Apple	7	C D Handgerford	8
Littleton Morgan	5	G Perrin	8

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Vermilion.

I hereby certify the above foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office. Witness my hand and seal of office, this 24th day of August, A. D. 1899.

Jos. G. LEBLANC,  
By-Clerk of Court.