

Abbeville Meridional.

Two Dollars a Year

Saturday, November 18, 1899.

Southern Pacific.

WEST BOUND
No. 5 arrives New Iberia 2:34 P. M.
" 7 " " " 1:00 A. M.
" 9 " " " 1:50 P. M.

EAST BOUND
No. 6 arrives at New Iberia 2:29 P. M.
" 8 " " " 3:24 A. M.
" 10 " " " 1:18 P. M.

I. & V. Route.
Arrives. ABBEVILLE EXPRESS. Leaves
10:05 3:10

LOCAL DEPARTURE.
Leaves 8:25 a. m. Arrives 4:15 p. m.

Town and Parish.

POLITICAL NOTICE.

The members of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee are hereby called to meet at the Courthouse at Abbeville, La., on

Saturday, November 25, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the transaction of important business.

By order of
ADAM BOUDREAUX,
J. N. GREENE, Secty. Chairman.

Heavy fogs this week.
On our first page will be found the advertisement of the Red Store.

Read the charter of the Acme Saving Association on the fourth page.

One little American widow accomplished what the Spanish fleet at Manila failed to do. She made Dewey surrender.

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

Monday the fire engine was out being cleaned up and the boys gave the dust a good washing from the courthouse to the bayou.

Attention is especially invited to the notice of the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee which will be held next Saturday, the 25th instant.

Ramsey refinery had a little accident Sunday night, blowing out a cylinder head, but the damage was soon repaired and the big mill got to work again.

No meeting of the police jury Monday owing to the absence of several members. Those present adjourned until the next regular meeting, the first Monday in December.

Parties renting land on Hunter Canal had better read the company's notice on the first page and guide themselves accordingly, as the company has and reserves the right to refuse water to any and all lands.

The old story that fogs and white frosts bring rain has signally failed, and the drouth continues. The roads are so dusty that travel is very disagreeable. The heavy fogs are almost equivalent to a shower and greatly benefit the pasturage and gardens.

Ernest Spencer, alias "Swatchow," a little negro tough who robbed Duhon's grocery some months ago and escaping to New Iberia, robbed a man after knocking him in the head, was tried for the crime and last week was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

The Patent Record is the title of a richly illustrated and interesting monthly published by the Patent Record Company, the September number of which makes an unusually creditable showing. There are special articles of value and interest treating upon topics of present moment, notably one by W. T. Stead on "The Cape to Cairo Railroad." The large two page supplement gives an excellent picture of the new battleships Alabama and Kearsage. The frontispiece affords an excellent view of the Olympia on her passage through the Suez Canal. The paper is devoted to the interest of American inventors.

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.

Politics in Lafayette.

The political pot in Lafayette has begun to boil at a lively rate, and the rival factions of the Democratic party are beginning to get ready for the primaries ordered for December 9th. The Picayune correspondent says that the anti-administration faction headed by Crow Girard, F. C. Latolias, W. B. Torian, J. O. Broussard and others, appears thoroughly demoralized and disorganized owing to dissensions and the inability of the leaders to secure the nomination of candidates for judicial offices, the regular organization of the party presents a bold and aggressive front in the selection of a complete ticket for all the offices, both judicial and parochial. The candidates determined upon by the regulars are as follows: For judge, C. Debaillon; for district attorney, Wm. Campbell; for sheriff, I. A. Broussard; for clerk of court, E. G. Voorhies; for representatives, Overton Cade and H. Durio; for coroner, Dr. J. F. Mouton. The ticket is considered an exceptionally strong one, combining, as it does in an eminent degree, ability and political influence. The judicial ticket, headed by Judge Debaillon, will receive the united support of the Acadia Democracy, both the Clark and Pugh factions having declared their satisfaction with the ticket and their intention to accord it the solid Democratic vote of that parish. Judge Debaillon, who has served three terms in his present capacity, is recognized throughout the state as one of the ablest jurists on the bench, and considering his unimpeachable record and integrity of character, his renomination is tantamount to election.

The Acme Saving Association.

Elsewhere in today's paper will be found the charter of a new financial institution just launched in this community. As its name indicates it is another disciple which has arisen among our people to teach them the great power of saving and co-operative effort. While classed as a building and loan or homestead association, it possesses some new features in addition to those common to all such societies. The first board of directors are W. W. Edwards, Francois Rageur, Theodore Laporte, J. N. Greene and Jos. G. Leblanc, all of whom are to well known here to require any mention at our hands. The new concern starts out with a large amount of paid up stock and will be ready to begin business about the first of January.

A Disastrous Conflagration.

Saturday night this little town was visited by a disastrous fire which at one time threatened to destroy the business portion of Port street. A little before 10 o'clock a fire was discovered in the office of Dr. R. P. Nelson on Washington street. The neighbors heard the screams of Mrs. Nelson, who was alone in the house with her sister Mrs. Gill, her husband and children being absent at the entertainment at Mrs. Jos. R. Legueneec, and reaching the house found the two rooms on the north side a roaring mass of flames. With much difficulty the ladies were rescued through a window which was knocked in by those who first arrived. But few things were saved owing to the dense smoke and intense heat. On account of bad management the steam fire engine, was a very long time in getting to work. We are told there was no wood or kindling in the fire box and the town council pays to have a man attend to this duty. It was a long time before an engineer showed up, but finally W. H. Waggoner and H. P. Porter, got hold of the engine and just at the critical moment when the burning shingles were falling in showers on the dry wooden roofs of the stores on Port street, and the destruction of the Labit and Decuir buildings seems certain, opened the throttle and sent the water speeding on the way. The fire well was soon exhausted and then the engine was moved to the bayou. The neat cottage of Claude Brookshier, at the corner of Washington and Lafayette street was only about 12 feet from the burning building and in a few minutes it was in flames. The contents of the house were all saved but in a very badly damaged condition. Fortunately a long row of tall pecan trees stood between the fire and the building occupied by Chas. Montagne, the protection afforded by the trees allowed the bucket gang to hold their positions on the roofs and keep them wet. The rear of J. S. Lann's warehouse is only a few feet from the house and had it caught fire before the steamer got to work the rest of the block would have been doomed. Dr. Nelson carried \$2500 insurance on his furniture and dental fixtures, but lost some \$900 in cash. Dr. Gill had no insurance on his dentist's outfit and the house which belonged to Mrs. Cesaire Derouen was also uninsured. Claude Brookshier had \$600 insurance on his house. Rev. Father Laforest was here and there in the thickest of the struggle, encouraging the firemen.

Vermilion Dirt Comes High.

Just a little over two acres of land, on the Godchaux tract adjoining and south of the railroad were sold last week to the Abbeville Rice Mill Co., for \$4000. The tract of land has a front of 200 feet on the continuation of Main street south of the railroad, and runs back to the Bayou Vermilion where it has a front of 150 feet. It is an ideal site for the mill being a high bluff bank, with railroad and river at hand for transportation purposes and an inexhaustible supply of water at all times.

This is one of the many instances in which the building of a railroad has greatly enhanced the value of land. Once started on its upward rise there is no computing the possible figure it may touch, for each improvement in the shape of a factory is liable to be followed by another.

The Silver Cornet Band.

The members of the old silver cornet band have reorganized with Rev. Father Laforest as manager. The boys have a fine lot of instruments and are good musicians. If they hold together and practice regularly they will soon attain the distinction of being one of the best bands in the State.

Personal Mention.

Dr. F. F. Young went to New Iberia Thursday.
Dr. Thos. G. Lyons, who has been quite sick for several days is able to be about again.
Mrs. F. Broussard, of Abbeville, visited Patterson this week, guest of Mrs. Broussard.—Patterson Optic.
A. J. Golden entertained a few friends at supper last Tuesday evening, it being the anniversary of his birth.
Dr. H. B. White, W. Oscar Pipes, Bernard Isaac and Archie Rose came over from Gueydan Saturday night and got here in time to see the fire.
Dr. M. R. Cushman and Jas. E. White have opened a drugstore in the flourishing little town of Gueydan, and the business is prospering.
J. W. Shanks, Esq., wife and Master Dewitt, of Abbeville, are visiting Mrs. Shanks' relatives, Mrs. J. R. Dunham and Mrs. Gillis this week.—Slidell Brick.

Bro. John Weeks, editor of the New Iberia Daily Iberian was in town last Saturday. The Daily Iberian has suspended but the weekly is still doing business and is as big and newsy as ever.

D. J. Searcy, of New Orleans, Grand Recorder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen spent a couple of days here this week instituting a new lodge of this great beneficiary order.

Mrs. Sophie McHenry, of New Orleans, and her little daughter Jessie, arrived last Thursday evening and will make Abbeville her home. She is the mother of W. R. McHenry, manager of the Central Pharmacy on State street.

C. A. Boren, who is surveying the new Hunter canal, drove in from Leroy Sunday. He said the canal is being pushed right along and will be ready for next season's work. Land has taken a boom and is going up all the time.—Crowley Signal.

W. O. Erwin, who went to the hospital in New Orleans some time ago for treatment, returned Friday and after a few days recuperation from weakness will be alright. He went to Jennings Saturday and will rest up there for several days.—Crowley Signal.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

Deputy Grand Master Workman D. J. Searcy of New Orleans, this week instituted a lodge of this grand beneficiary order in Abbeville. It is well known as one of the oldest and most reliable of the fraternal insurance associations. Its membership is over 400,000, and it has paid out millions of dollars to its beneficiaries. To Horace K. Robinson of this place is due the credit of securing the large list of charter members. They met Wednesday night and organized as Abbeville Lodge No. 38, and elected the following officers who will serve till December 31st:
Robt. F. Derouen, master workman; W. H. Waggoner, foreman; M. L. Young, overseer; Sol Isaacs, recorder and financier; Felix J. Hollier, receiver; J. G. Labauve, guide; Will H. Maxfield, inner watchman; Fred Beckman, outer watchman.

An Unfortunate Accident.

Last Sunday while driving out to Lake Simonet, Lastie Broussard, Esq., a prominent attorney of this place, became the victim of a runaway accident. His horse took fright when near Aristide Toups' place just east of Grosse Ile woods and becoming uncontrollable ran into a wire fence, pitching Mr. Broussard out violently. In the fall he received a deep gash on the forehead, another on the side of the face and was considerably bruised up, but fortunately no bones were broken. His wounds were dressed by Dr. E. J. Young and he was confined to the house for a few days as the result of the accident.

That Meteoric Shower.

Quite a number of our town people sat up Tuesday and Wednesday nights to watch for the shower of meteors which were due to appear on those dates. Judge Edwards, who has a small telescope, was one of the observers assisted by a few young folks, who take an interest in astronomy. Owing to the density of the fog which obscured the moon, nearly at its full, the meteors would scarcely have been visible if they had passed. At 15 minutes past 2 o'clock Thursday morning, they saw a bright stream of light flash across the sky.

WHY THE MONEY GOES FROM HOME.
When a home merchant forgets to tell the people through the columns of the local paper of the bargains he has on his shelves, that's the time when the big department stores of the cities jump in with their catalogues and
TAKE AWAY MUCH OF THE TRADE
That he ought to receive. All things being equal, the trade goes to the man who is not afraid to use printer's ink to
INVITE THE PEOPLE TO COME
and see him, and to show them they can do as well at home as in the city.
THE MERIDIONAL
ABBEVILLE, LA.

Prairie Gregg Notes.
Fred Topkins looks rather down of late.
T. J. Morgan is weighing cane at Ramsey.
Why does Judge Trahan look so down of late?
Jesse Trahan is putting up a fine lot of hay for sale.
We have a new doctor in our flourishing burg, Dr. Wall.
The roads are very dusty and dry, and plenty of hauling on them.
Mrs. Rusca and Miss Dickson took a trip to Perry's Bridge Friday.
Mr. McCorkle takes a trip across the bayou every week, peddling.
The public high school is progressing fine and the teachers are all smiles.
Where has Claude Pullin gone? We haven't seen him for quite a while.
Miss Lina Johnson passes through our burg every morning going to her school at Ramsey.
Fred Stauffer comes to get the mail every evening. He is certainly expecting something.
We have some sickness in our neighborhood. Mrs. Robert Henry and Mrs. Wm. Henry are among the number.
Dick Topkins made a fine crop of sweet potatoes. He had his place whitewashed which greatly improved the look of things.
Everything is hustling down in our section. Cane hauling, putting same in mats for seed and finishing gathering corn and cotton, are making things lively.
Ned Bergman, the hustling lumber man of Brath, was in Henry this week, looking as fine as ever—by the way we seen him and Miss Addison taking a buggy ride through our little burg, and they were all smiles.
NAPOLEON.
\$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 One Hundred 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.
Notice To Trespassers.
I hereby forbid any one to trespass on my lands in Vermilion parish, La., in any way, shape, form or manner whatsoever, and especially on the tract known as "Dog Island," in the 6th ward, I forbid hunting, putting cattle on same or trespassing in any manner, as I have cattle and hogs on said land. Any person or persons caught trespassing on said premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
O. RICHARD.
Abbeville, La., November 11, 1899. 1y
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I hereby forbid any one to trespass on my lands in Vermilion parish, Louisiana, in any way, shape, form or manner whatsoever. Any person or persons caught trespassing on said premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
ALCIDE LEBLANC.
Abbeville, La., October 14, 1899. 1y
Notice and Warning To The Public.
On October 14, 1899, I gave my note to Elias Broussard for \$100, payable about one year from date, said note is endorsed by J. O. Robert and C. J. Edwards; as this note is without consideration, I hereby notify the public that I will not pay same.
E. W. HUFF.
Abbeville, La., October 23, 1899. 30d.