

The Meridional

ABBEVILLE, VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUGUST 12, 1905.

Jules Bertin spent Monday in New Iberia on business.

A sudden change in the weather is apt to cause you to become hoarse and to cough. Try Mill's Syrap of Tar and Wild Cherry. For sale by the Abbeville Drug Company.

J. R. Leguene and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ritter, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bullock left Monday for a few days fishing at Red Fish Point.

We make a specialty of handling nothing but pure and fresh drugs. Abbeville Drug Company.

Dr. C. J. Edwards represented Vermilion parish at the meeting of the various Boards of Health held at Lafayette this week.

Every person complains occasionally of kidney troubles—Mill's Kidney and Liver Cure works wonderful results. Abbeville Drug Company sells it.

The several roustabouts now stopping at the City Hotel and being fed and lodged at the expense of the taxpayers, were made to work for their board this week. Three of them were set to cleaning the gutters and the work done is most satisfactory. It is a pity that this method of utilizing the hoboos was not sooner resorted to, as the streets would in consequence have been kept clean. The mayor must be congratulated upon this step.

Fine properties for sale, rent, or exchange. Apply to D. D. Cline "The Real Estate Man", Abbeville, La.

The Racket Store baseball team is still holding its reputation as the best youngster nine in this section. Last Sunday the team administered another defeat to the Blues with a score of 9 to 5. This little nine has made short work of every team that has the boldness to "butt in" against them. Tomorrow, after the races at West Side Park, the Racket Store will scalp the Perry Sluggers. A very fine game is anticipated.

Wanted—to exchange fine Chicago properties for Louisiana real estate. Apply to D. D. Cline, "The Real Estate Man", Abbeville La.

Cold Blooded Murder.

Last Saturday morning Sheriff Boudreau received a telephone message from Henry stating that a negro had just been murdered a short distance from that place in the Prairie Gregg settlement, and requesting the officer to at once come to the scene of the crime.

The sheriff, in company with deputy Camille LeBlanc and coroner C. J. Edwards left in a surry and upon arriving in the neighborhood of the tragedy were directed to a small cabin on Trahan's place. There, at a distance of some fifteen paces from the cabin they found the body of George Robertson, lying face downwards with his feet in the direction of the cabin, and three shot gun wounds on his body, one in the middle of the back just below the shoulder, another in the left arm and a third in the feet and legs. The negro was dead, the shot in the back evidently having killed him instantly.

A diligent search failed to cast any light upon the tragedy beyond the traces of shoe prints leading from the cabin into the field. These tracks were picked up and followed through the cornfield in the direction of a cabin wherein the Chapman family lived. The traces were lost upon arriving at the public road; however, the sheriff found two shotguns, of which three shells out of the four had been emptied, and also a butcher knife. Returning to the scene of the murder, where there was a crowd of people, one of the Chapman boys, Russell, was taken and his shoes fitted exactly in the traces that had been followed. Sheriff Boudreau placed him under arrest, as he also did the other Chapman boy, Aurelien, and the two were ordered locked up pending further investigation.

After the coroner's inquest the sheriff's party, with Russell and Aurelien Chapman, the two prisoners, returned to Abbeville.

Robertson, the murdered negro, was well known in the neighborhood, and lived alone in a little cabin. He had the reputation of being a bully and seldom went without his gun. The shooting is supposed to have been done by one person from Robertson's own cabin, his gun being used to do the deed. After the shooting the murderer left the house and escaped.

Sheriff Boudreau, in company with deputy Otis Hoffpauir, visited the scene of the crime Tuesday, but could secure no further evidence. Aurelien Chapman has been released by the sheriff, but his brother, Russell, is still held in jail on suspicion.

General Dissatisfaction.

The actions of the Board of Health, or those members responsible for it, in appointing a lot of boys to inspect the premises of the people to see if the rules of the Board had been complied with, resulted in general dissatisfaction. The people believe that the Board should have appointed men and not irresponsible minors. The inspectors, in all probability, visited the premises of the people, but in some cases they visited premises without permission and without even advising the parties whose place they were visiting, and this is where the want of judgement and blunder came in. Another mistake is on record when one of the inspectors reported the premises of a person to be "not clean" which was proven to be not true. Had the Board appointed men, and not boys, and men who could use judgement, these blunders would not have occurred. Again, there has been rain during the three days of inspection and the yards and closets were full of water, and the oil had all been washed away from the cisterns, and was being wasted as fast as put on, but the inspection continued in the rain, which again shows a lack of judgement.

Taken Up.

Being found destroying my crop, I have taken up a brown mare colt, spotted white in face, branded "p. B." on right shoulder, left hind foot white. Owner is hereby called to come forward, claim said animal and pay damages.

Auguste Jean Louis.

On Treville Broussard farm, one-and-a-half miles South of Abbeville.

Program of Sunday's Races.

1st race running $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, handicap, purse \$75.00. 2nd race running $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, Creole horses only, purse \$75.00. 3rd race running $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, selling, purse \$75.00. 4th race running 4 arpent, match race between Mack, belonging to P. Elmer, and Frank, belonging to Valery LeBlanc, purse \$100.00. 5th race, trot or pace, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile heat, two in three, entry fee \$12.50. Horses without record only, purse \$75.00.

Indignation Meeting.

A call for a mass meeting at the Court house Monday night was answered by a number of citizens, the object of which seemed to have been to protest against the quarantine regulations instituted by the Board of Health. Many speeches were made and resolutions adopted, but the meeting ended quietly with a protest.