

The Caldwell Watchman

HIGH SCHOOL OUTING

Field Day and Picnic on the East Side a Big Success

The students of the Columbia High School have marked last Friday on the calendar with a big crimson pebble. They had one of the "times of their lives" then. Under the care of their teachers and many of their parents, they met at the schoolhouse and, forming a column of twos, marched across the bridge to the east side. At the point selected for the picnic it was not long before Young America was busy destroying the toothsome dinners that had been prepared for them. If the United States troops only attack the Mexican "greasers" with the same avidity it won't take them long to rout the last of them.

During the afternoon athletic sports were engaged in, with the following results.

Bobbie Ruth Erskins won the potato race with an ability as great as that he displayed as a trencherman.

The 3-legged race was the comedy of the occasion. Jorman Walters and Felix Schepiss were the first to reach the tape.

Of the four hurdle races, representatives of the Grammar school won three, the other going to the High.

The pole vault proved the most hotly contested event and it seemed likely to end in a tie, but first place was finally given to Willard Marshall, with Bruce Humphries second.

Godfrey a good second.

The whole affair passed off without an accident and the young ones were finally rounded up and returned to their homes in ample time for their suppers.

High School Board Report

The proceedings of the Local Board of Columbia High School meeting, held in Columbia on Monday, are epitomized in the following report of the board: To the Hon. President and Members of Caldwell Parish School Board:

We, the Local Board of Columbia High School, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that the janitor's wages be reduced from \$15 to \$10 per month for the two closing months of school, and that he be required to clean out all closets at least every few days.

2. We recommend that the salary of the principal be fixed at \$100 per month, and all assistants' salaries be fixed at \$60 per month.

3. We recommend that the school yard be fenced.

We find the condition of the building well kept, and we find the condition of the privies bad.

We recommend the following assistant teachers:

Miss Marian Thornhill, Miss Katie Walker.

Not having any more applications, we have requested Mr. Hines to see about securing a first assistant teacher, and a singing and drawing teacher, even if he had to go to Natchitoches to secure them, and also about getting applications for principal.

There being no further business, the Local School Board adjourned.

M. Jarrell,
B. E. Erskins,
J. D. Yorborough.

There is no effect without a cause, except possibly when a woman changes her mind.

WHY DON'T YOU USE IT

More Evidence of the Value of the Split-Log Drag

When will our people appreciate the value of the split log drag? When will they quit thinking that they can have passable highways only by spending thousands and thousands of dollars for surface roads, and that if a county cannot afford these, its people must pull along through mud and ruts till Gabriel blow his horn?

When will each county arrange to pass a road nearest him after each wet spell?

And when will you, Mr Reader--when will you talk over this matter with your county commissioners and your road authorities?

We have printed stories enough showing the value of the drag, but here's another from the Monroe Enquirer that we pass along:

"People coming to Monroe over the Wadesboro road last Saturday morning found a rough piece of road from Rock Rest to Lee's Mill, the wheel ruts deep and many of them, and travel slow and difficult. Returning late that afternoon they found that same stretch of road, finer than any \$3,000-a-mile macadam road, a smooth surface and a road which was a delight to drive on. What made the change? Why, Mr. J. J. Mor-

ris used a King road drag. Just one man and a team and that drag had done the work and the bill for the taxpayers to foot will be less than \$2. The road drag--the man who invented it should have babies named after him, and may his feet press the golden streets when he leaves this old world. The road drag--let it be used more. It is the cheapest way to make a good road, when used at the right time. Use the drag. When used promptly just after the spring rains end, it will level down the ruts and ridges and insure smoother traveling the whole year through. But to be really effective it should be used after every wet spell!"--The Progressive Farmer.

It isn't every fancier who can tell a dogwood tree by its bark.

"Keep her rolling, boys; keep her rolling."

The Standard Oil Company has brought in a 2,500-barrel oil gusher on its scales lease in De Soto parish.

Send us your orders for any and all kinds of job work. We will save you money and give satisfaction.

Winnsboro is going to have an up-to-date hotel. The contract has been let and work is to start in a few weeks.

Speaking of woman, lovely woman, flattery doesn't turn her head half so quick as another woman who passes her wearing a new dress.

Jim James, a negro, has been arrested and indicted for murder as one of the bandits who killed a negro porter on an I. C. train near Flukers during an attempted hold-up.

L. N. Folden, a white man, who was tried in the District Court at Colfax on the charge of criminally assaulting his daughter, was convicted without capital punishment.

ONE REPORT OF RIVERTON'S R. S. V. P. CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

The Rock Salt Very Prime Club met at the schoolhouse to entertain the men Friday night. The above name was fairly demonstrated by the ice cream furnished by Mrs. McClanahan and Mrs. Butler. Each claimed the other had furnished the salty cream and, after a heated discussion, wound up by one telling the other she had gray hairs.

Mr. Butler, being in such haste to get inside before the lunch was served, failed to hitch his horse. When the alarm was given his horse had gone with the buggy.

Mr. McClanahan claimed he was a fine runner, judging from his success in the last campaign for representative. He was immediately put on trial and after a record-breaking sprint of 43-4 miles he was back safe and sound with no breaks in 10 minutes.

Miss Meadows complimented him most highly on his accomplishment, but asserted he could not play dominoes. Pardon the fair lady, Mr. Emile, as she was somewhat out of humor on account of our genial hot-air merchant, Mr. Hearn, not ordering the bread. Mr. Bennett suggested using the rolls Miss Meadows had ordered in error for window shades, but Miss Duke advised that it could not be Dunn unless in Bowling Green.

Mrs. Bennett and her visiting friend, Mrs. Goodwin, started to do the "One Step," but were immediately stopped by Mrs. Hawkins. Mayor Hawkins treated

positively refused, saying that Mr. Hawkins was then at home reading the war news and dancing should not be allowed when Uncle Sam was in such trouble. Mrs. Bennett was very nice about it and did not get angry, and afterward claimed to a confidential friend that she really did not care as she was just about to be worked to death any way raising one-day-old chicks and teaching Jim to Hesitate--at what?

Everyone claimed Frank Reitzell would some day make a grand missionary, as he run the graphophone so successfully.

NEWSY NOTES FROM THE MARTIN SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD

The Watchman makes its visit weekly to our home; we are all glad to get it, as it gets better each issue.

The farmers are progressing nicely with their crops since the heavy rains held up.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. James' daughters made a pleasant visit to G. W. Walls Thursday and went fishing. Sorry to say they had poor luck.

G. W. Wall and two daughters from Bay were welcome visitors at the home of W. O. James and wife Sunday.

Robert Hines of Grayson was a pleasant caller at Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Love's last Sunday.

S. M. Love and W. O. James went to Columbia Saturday on business.

Willie Rodgers and Frank Love went fishing last Saturday but did not catch any.

What has become of the Boosters Club; haven't heard from them in a good while. Let's boost the parish. The people of this parish have made a start in building good roads. Let's keep the ball rolling until we get good roads all over the parish.

I think that we could have better roads if the police jury would change the system of having them worked. They should let them out by sections and employ

We all felt sorry for Mr. Patton. Some claimed he did not want any holes in his score card, because--?

Mr. or Mrs. Morris became sick and had to go home early. Have been unable to find out which.

Only a few were in attendance on account of so many cases of measles and other sickness in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Hearn could not attend because of little Berta having a second case of measles. Mrs. Knight was sick and Mr. Knight had to entertain company. Miss Eula Reitzell was not feeling well on account of being seasick from a trip across Lake Charles. Miss Kate Wooten is off on a continued visit.

Mr. Kelly is away on sawmill business. Mrs. Kelly being dizzy from measles and chasing little Thanksgiving fowls could not attend. Poor men! Now if that had been Mr. Kelly, they would say it was from working out his vineyard.

Mr. and Mrs. Kepner could not attend because of Woodrow having measles.

And in the meantime--while a delicious 2-course luncheon was being served, of salads and buttered lightbread (which was finally secured by Mr. Bennett from the City restaurant) followed by strawberry cream (one strawberry in each saucer)--three of Columbia's most popular young men were up from--where? Columbia, of course, though they claimed

to have broken down their Ford south of Riverton depot. No one doubted this, as their shoes showed they had walked in the dew and dust a long ways. Oh, Columbia, why raise such bashful young men?

With these few exceptions we all had the "bestest" of a time. Now men keep your appetites in line. Each fourth Friday at nine The ladies of the Rock Salt Very Prime At the schoolhouse will serve you cake and wine--nix! nix! nix!!!!

SURRELL.

(We hope to hear again from our correspondent as soon as he is safe in his refuge in the "tall timber".--Eds.)

THE WAR OF 1846-8

Short Story of How Uncle Sam Mopped Up

The relations between the United States and Mexico, strained by American recognition of Texan independence in 1837 and further strained by the annexation of Texas by the United States in 1845, came to the breaking point when General Zachery Taylor, with a force of 3,000 men, invaded, on March 12, 1846, the territory between the Nueces and the Rio Grande Rivers, which were the disputed American-Mexican boundary lines. The Mexicans immediately took the defensive, and General Ampudia met Taylor's Army April 25. May 13 Congress declared war.

In February, 1847, General Winfield Scott, veteran of the war of 1812, succeeded Taylor at the head of the army in Mexico. March 9, 1847, he landed a force of 12,000 men at Vera Cruz. Twenty days later the city surrendered. The battles of Cerro Gordo, Puebla and Contreras and other engagements led the commander-in-chief of the United States forces to Mexico City and, with less than 8,000 men, he entered the national palace September 14. The fall of Chapultepec ended the Mexican war.

That war took from Mexico and gave to the United States the States of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and parts of Mexico and Colorado.

That war cost the United States in lives 2,703-men, including 383 officers; in money, \$15,000,000.

It cost Mexico 7,000 men, killed and wounded, and 3,730 prisoners of war.

The United States sent 21,509 regulars and 22,027 volunteers into the valley of Mexico.

Mighty Good Advice

If the young men are wise and truly have great ability, they will remain at home, at least for a season longer until their wisdom teeth are cut. It is more satisfactory to be a prominent and respected citizen of a village than to be an insignificant stranger, jostled and ignored by the hurrying mass of humanity in a metropolis. We would rather be a dog on a farm than a caged lion in a menagerie.

Sure Will Show You

If a man wants to get acquainted with human nature, let him edit a newspaper for a short time. He knows nothing of the ups and downs of life until he has served in that capacity. He may have preached, conducted a bank, sold goods, traded horses, practiced law, sawed wood or operated a popcorn factory, but he needs a few months experience as an editor of a country newspaper to complete his knowledge of the eccentricities of human nature.--Exchange.

Contracts for road work in Calcaieu parish amounting to \$100,000 were let Monday. Altogether about 50 miles of highways are provided for in these contracts.

W. B. Harper, charged with killing Phil Hebert, Jr., at Bagdad, Grant parish, Jan. 1, was examined by a lunacy commission at Colfax, who decided that he is criminally insane and remanded him to the custody of the sheriff for delivery to an asylum.

JURY HOLDS WALTERS GUILTY

Will Seek New Trial and Change Of Venue--Still Mysterious

"Guilty without capital punishment" was the verdict rendered Monday at Opelousas in the trial of W. C. Walters for the kidnaping of Bobbie Dunbar.

At no time during the jury's deliberations did Walters stand a chance for a better verdict.

Two ballots were taken. On the first the foreman, Callouet, voted for capital punishment.

Opelousas is satisfied with the verdict. Walter's alibi was so strong that it and the element of doubt as to the child's identity caused a moulding of sentiment in favor of a milder punishment than death.

An indication of the bitterness of feeling against Walters was given in the gathering of crowds around the courthouse during the deliberations of the jury, when threats that Walters would not be permitted to return to jail alive in case of acquittal or a mistrial. Sheriff Swords realized the gravity of the situation and had several dozens of rifles handy for Walters' protection in case of need.

The attorneys for the defense will file an appeal on grounds stipulated in five bills of exceptions granted them during the trial and will also seek a change of venue, on the ground that sentiment was so strongly manifested against Walters in the presence of the jury that Judge Fay was compelled to adjourn a session of court.

praise their own innocence, and the case promised to remain in the courts for a long time, and its mysteries of doubles and tangles will always give it unusual interest.

Your Watch is a Compass

It is a good plan to carry a compass when tramping, but if you lose your directions when without a compass, your watch will help you out of the difficulty. Hold the watch flat, the hour hand pointed toward the sun, then half way between the point of the hour hand and the 12 o'clock figure will be south. If the face of the watch were divided into 24 hours, the 12 o'clock mark would always lay in the direction of south, but as it is divided into only one-half that many hours, it is necessary to take the point halfway between the hour hand and 12 o'clock. Thus, at 4 p. m. south will lie approximately in the direction of 2 o'clock, while at 8 a. m. it will lie approximately in the direction of 10 o'clock.

L. S. U. Commencement

The commencement exercises at the L. S. U. will begin on Friday, May 29, and continue until Monday evening, June 1.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered in Garig hall Sunday morning by Rev. W. W. Landrum of Louisville, Ky. The baccalaureate address will be made Monday evening by Hon. Joseph E. Davies, a prominent lawyer of Washington, D. C.

The social events on the program are the german of the German club on Friday evening, faculty reception to the alumni, the class reunions, alumni luncheons and gatherings, all on Saturday.

The most inexpensive indoor sport is to sit and think what one would do if one had \$1,000,000.

A girl may be satisfied if a man pays her nothing but compliments, but a bill collector isn't.

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