

ROBT. WHEATSTONE, Councillor and Attorney at Law, Bayville.

Will practice in the parishes of... Will give special and prompt attention to all business entrusted to me.

Church Directory. Divine services in the Methodist church as follows: Providence, 1st and 3rd Sunday's, 11 a. m.

C. S. WYLY, Attorney at Law, Lake Providence, La.

Practises in State and Federal Courts. GLIFTON F. DAVIS, Attorney at Law, Lake Providence, La.

T. F. Montgomery, Civil Engineer and Parish Surveyor.

Dr. R. W. SEAY, Practitioner of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics.

W. D. BELL, Surgeon and Practising Physician.

DR. A. G. TILMAN, Dentist.

Services at St. James A. M. E. Church.

Local and Parish News.

"The darkest hour is just before day." That's what the old folks used to say.

The parish is sadly in soak in more ways than one.

Everybody going under, is the cry this week.

Let every one who is able, assist the helpless overflowed people.

Several communications came too late for insertion this week.

Everybody going under in East Carroll south of Lake Providence.

Bream and bank perch are the only fish that take the hook during high water.

The destruction of the growing crops this week has been terribly disheartening.

Protection from overflow is becoming a very uncertain quantity in this neck of the woods.

Weather bright and beautiful. Sun shining on water instead of cotton and corn in East Carroll.

The suffering and distress among the colored people is daily increasing, and the end is not yet.

Never before has our parish suffered so seriously from inundation. The ruin is complete and irretrievable.

The planting interests in East Carroll are almost entirely confined to the limited acreage north of Lake Providence.

Mr. Geo. Guler was in town on Wednesday. He reports the back water rising rapidly and going all over the land.

The best judges estimate that seven-eighths of the cotton and corn in cultivation in East Carroll will be destroyed by overflow.

Henry Day instructs us to say, that he makes no charge going or coming either way to Schneider's landing over the plank walk he built.

Mrs. Scheu from New Orleans, came up on the City of St. Louis Tuesday, and will spend some time visiting the family of Mayor Hanley.

Mr. B. F. Felix and lady of Chicago, the bridal couple who had been spending several days pleasantly at Arlington visiting the family of Mrs. McCulloch, departed for their home on Monday last.

White folks stealing chickens from the overflowed negroes is about as low down a business as ever was followed. We are told such vile deeds have been done this week in the neighborhood of the Wylly crevasse.

1-2 Price-- Self-sealing Fruit Jars for sale at R. J. Burney's.

The dire distress that is bound to follow upon the heels of the destructive flood that is now spread over our parish must be met by determined endurance, persistent courage and as cheerful a will as possible under the circumstances.

The lives of numerous colored people, big and little, were saved by the untiring exertions of the Providence volunteers, led by our indefatigable sheriff all through the overflow, day after day, and often away into the darkness of the night.

The levees, gin houses and all available outhouses are being crowded with the negro families that have come up out of the overflow. Fortunately thus far the weather has been favorable for them. Bad weather would be productive of serious distress. Government tents are badly needed.

Hon. C. R. Egely, accompanied by his son Fred, returned on Tuesday from attending the Grand Lodge K. of P. in Lake Charles last week.

Ah Sam Lee's store on Lake street, with the courteous Celestial Appo as manager, keeps the latest and best to be found for his patrons.

On Tuesday afternoon last while Felix, the son of our postmaster, was fishing in the pond on the north side of Lake street, in front of his home, his hook caught on to something heavy and after tugging away for awhile, he brought to the surface the dead body of a little negro about five years old, who had been missing for a day or two.

The Banner-Democrat acknowledges with pleasant appreciation a serenade given the office by Jerry Blowe's colored corset band from Vicksburg soon after their arrival in Providence.

A mass meeting of prominent citizens was held at Firemen's Hall on Wednesday morning to devise ways and means for the relief of the numerous people that are overflowed and destitute in the parish.

Mr. J. C. Pitman was elected chairman and Mr. T. D. McCandless secretary. A committee of five was appointed by the chair to memorialize Governor Foster for the necessary rations to feed the hungry people thrown out of employment by the inundation.

The memorial after being drafted, showing 2000 weekly rations are necessary for the support of the sufferers was read, adopted and ordered forwarded at once to the Governor.

After a free discussion of the necessary steps to be taken for the safe and most equal distribution of the rations when they come, or the next best step to be taken if the Governor failed to respond favorably, it was determined that the mass meeting should continue in existence until its work was accomplished, and that when it adjourned it should do so subject to the call of the chairman.

The question of appeal for outside help was fully discussed, but the meeting concluded it would be unwise to do so until the Governor's action in the premises had been duly reported.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

The crevasse at Wylly's was over 1500 feet wide at noon yesterday.

Captain Townsend went down on the steamer Meigs to lead a helping hand at the Wylly crevasse Thursday morning.

"It is an ill wind that blows no good." The saw mill men down Texas are taking advantage of the present flood to float up cypress logs to their mills.

HARD LINES. Two months or more ago the big river coquetted with us here for some time, reaching the brim of its banks, receding a little and swelling a little—backwards and forwards—until owners of the back and bottom lands had come to the conclusion that there would be no high water this spring. They had full confidence in the stability of the levees in East Carroll, both as to height and strength, but the Arkansas levees, in Chicot and Desha counties they dreaded; and on the theory of no high water this season, they proceeded to cultivate the low-lying lands energetically, and had promising young crops all along the line, with bright prospects of a prolific yield from the fresh productive soil; but alas! the much dreaded Arkansas levees yielded to the pressure of the unexpected water, and let down upon us four separate and distinct streams of large volume, so that today all the crops we refer to in the low-lying lands are under water, totally, completely and hopelessly destroyed. This is what we may safely term hard lines.

Several, indeed most of the small planters in the interior are persons of limited means; many of them almost entirely dependent upon supply merchants for the ordinary means of subsistence, and from present indications, there is but little hope of the water going down in time for anything like successful re-planting.

The hard lines we are writing about are not confined entirely to the small crops in the interior. We are much pained to learn that several plantations along the lake and elsewhere will be encroached upon by the flood waters that are still coming. When we bear in mind the extremely short crop of last year, and the very low figures at which the bulk of it was sold, we cannot but be painfully impressed with the great distress that is bound to ensue from the present disastrous condition of things in our parish. Truly we may sadly repeat, hard lines.

But in referring to the present calamity and its dismal surroundings it is not our purpose to "boo-hoo" or magnify the misfortune that exists, but rather, as best we may, put in a few timely, cheering words of advice that may be productive of some good.

The month of June comes in next week; there is no immediate prospect of the water going off the overflowed lands where the crops were growing; there are hundreds of acres of land not inundated that might be utilized to some extent to keep body and soul together as a dernier resort; "half a loaf is better than no bread." We mention this incidentally, for we are bound to suppose that all the sufferers have been casting about for the best means and methods to retrieve their fallen fortunes as far as possible, which we sincerely hope they may be successful in doing to a considerable extent.

The pulpit rather than the paper is the place for what is known as preaching, but sometimes in cases of considerable calamity and far-reaching distress, the newspaper has a mission to perform, a sort of outside persuasive device to discharge, and this, in our opinion, is one of those sometimes.

Very few among the myriads of humanity that do not sometime or other meet up with misfortunes in their pursuit of home comforts, competency, and present and prospective happiness. Some unfortunates meet adversity at nearly every turn of the road, living a life of trials and tribulations—having their every effort for advancement checkmated, yet still striving on until the final struggle come, that closes out all earthly anxiety and care.

There is no grander sight on earth than to see a truly brave man fearlessly struggling with adversity and battling bravely to keep despair from his door. This is really a part and parcel of the brief life we live, and this is mainly done under disheartening circumstances in behalf of those who are helpless dependents upon the loving care and big hearted devotion of the strugglers.

The situation in East Carroll with many today, much resembles what we have dimly portrayed; let them take courage and struggle on. "Have faith in the Master. The darkest day—Live 'till to-morrow, will have passed away."

Clay Peas for Sale. I have between 75 and 100 bushels of Clay peas for sale. Purchasers will please apply to me at Wilson's Point. J. J. ROBINSON. May 6, 1m.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. NOW TRY THIS. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salts, Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by J. S. Guenard.

HAY FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH. Good sound HAY for sale; \$4.00 to \$8.00 a ton on Buckmeadow plantation.

OUR VICKSBURG LETTER. Mr. Editor:—'Tis said that "circumstance" is but the toy of genius; that when a soul burns with a god-like purpose to achieve, all obstacles between it and its goal must vanish as the dew before the sun—that "if" is the motto of the dilettant and idle dreamer; the poor excuse of mediocrity—a word the truly great know not, or know it but to scorn. That man should let no "if" arise on which to lay the blame nor make a mountain of that puny word, that like a blade of grass before the scythe falls and withers when a human will, stirred by creative force, sweeps towards its aim.

Before recalling the dissertation of the poet on "if" and "circumstances" just recited, we had intended to put forth as our plea for such long silence in the columns of the B.-D. that "if" circumstances had not prevented we should have been with you sooner," but after the above we must forego the excuse lest we find ourselves convicted of "lack of genius," dilettantism, mediocrity and pure cussedness generally. The truth is that we have tried to write but not hard enough.

Thanks to the kind editor of the B.-D. We did not pass the great metropolis of the Cotton-Belt unnoticed or unsung, and we acknowledge ourselves indebted in a good round sum of good will and kind words. We wrote an account of our river-trip on the good steamer Chattahoochee for the Banner-Democrat, but were inveigled into giving it to the Commercial-Herald instead, and so the matter stands.

We have never had any "eye-teeth" pulled (nor for that matter wisdom-teeth either), but if the pain of that peculiar extraction is greater than that experienced by our feelings in being obliged to pass by East Carroll without a "stoppage in transitu," we hope never to be forced to try the dental operation in question. Especially when we steamed along in pistol-shot of Wildwood and Homestead we fancied that the "spirit of hospitality" stood with beckoning hand to invite us in to join our good friends in their mattitudinal repast; and nothing save the stern voice of duty held us to our place. But the time is not far distant when we hope to make up for our discomfiture in earnest.

The best news current in the Hill City just now is the same assurance that must make glad the hearts of our friends of Carroll, for the going down of the mighty river is of equal interest and benefit to us all.

Business has assumed new life in Vicksburg, and it is beginning to "boom" in inverse ratio to the waters. Our leading firms, Wright Bros., Warner & Searles, P. P. Williams & Co., the Miller Grocery Co., Lewis Bros., and others are again smilingly hopeful and look for a great future. R. C. Just has made every improvement possible in a Jewelry Emporium. The Hotel Piazza is entertaining extensively. Landaur is concocting all manner of cool drinks. Lacey has been rushing the telephone system for all it is worth, and that banner line of steamboats, the Greenville & Vicksburg Packet Company will soon have all of its boats in operation, and holds them ready to accommodate fully and promptly all along the river. The Big Black is falling too, (we crossed it today) and our friends of Hinds and East-Warren are safe in their planting. The cool weather seems not to have retarded the crops appreciably, and everything looks bright and cheerful. Sunday School picnics and excursions of all kinds are the "order of the day," and satisfaction reigns supreme. The only dissatisfied man we have seen is a "reporter," who says that life contains for him nothing more than,

"Cold roast beef for breakfast, Fall chicken soup for tea; Coffee and cakes for dinner, To bed at 1/2 past 3. Secures his shekels on Friday, Is 'straggled' by Saturday night, Borrowed X 'till I see you agate, And pays it, honor-bright, Lives up a life-time in every 6 weeks, Sees through men as he would through a sieve, Writes with one eye on the dial of his watch, And talk likes the doomed, with a minute to live."

May a kind Providence keep the staff of the B.-D. from such fate as our prayer and supplication!

One little effusion and we are done: There was a man with a tandem-team, Who thought it an imposition To be told that things may sometimes seem According to—position; That the hand of a "kid" may nothing impart.

When singly extended in air, But that two hands in a line, extended in sport, Is hardly considered fair.

What then of this fact? that a certain ewald, (Is it quite right to be done?) Of his "sery untamed," now harmless twin, While his rival has only one? More anon.

Now TRY THIS. It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good, if you have a Cough, Cold, or any trouble with Throat, Chest or Lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be paid back. Sufferers from LaGrippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at J. S. Guenard Drug Store. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

THE TICKET! For Mayor, E. J. HAMLEY. For Aldermen, V. M. PURDY, W. H. SCHNEIDER, JAMES BEARD, C. R. EGELLY, N. FOUSSE. For Secretary, T. D. McCANDLESS. For Treasurer, YANCEY BELL. For Marshal, JOHN Q. HAMILTON.

THE NO FENCE LAW AGAIN. Banner-Democrat:—It is needless for me to say that your paper is always a welcome visitor. Its columns of solid sense, interspersed with pungent paragraphs and witticisms of the genial editor are always read with pleasure.

Being native to the manor born, and feeling a deep and abiding interest in all that pertains to the welfare of old Carroll, we must say that we read with astonishment and surprise the ordinance passed by the wise solons of our parish called the "no fence law." It does seem to us that this law was passed, not for the benefit of the masses, but a favored few, who are either the owners or lessees of large plantations.

It is a well known fact to all thinking men that the substantial prosperity of a country depends upon the ability of the producers of the soil to be self-sustaining. Raise their own hog and hominy, their own cattle, mules and horses, and not have their corn cribs and smoke house in St. Louis or New Orleans; their horses mules and cattle in Missouri or Kentucky; not to belong to commission merchants, whose agents they really are, and who in a few years will own their land and their all.

Then we ask, is it right, is it just to the bone and sinew of a country, who own or lease a few acres of land, to force them to build fences to keep up a few head of stock, that cannot do so well as on a range? Now say there are 225,000 acres of land in your parish and only 58,000 in cultivation, now why not fence in the lesser quantity and utilize the 197,000 acres for stock raising? In our humble opinion your solons have made a woful mistake in this ordinance, and the sooner it is repealed the better. It will have a tendency to drive the thrifty farmers from your midst, and when they migrate, in what will your wealth consist? They cannot pay the prices imposed by law when their stock degrades. It will be confiscation. In the name of justice, in behalf of glorious old Carroll. For her welfare and prosperity, we say repeal this law.

PRO BONO PUBLICO. Business of all kinds in town has been virtually suspended this week.

Water Coolers and Ice Cream freezers at very low prices R. J. BURNEY, Agt. Levee Street.

Registration Notice. The registration of voters for the election to be held on the 1st Monday, the 5th day of June, 1893, for the election of town officers for the town of Providence, will begin at the Mayor's office on Monday, May 29th, and close on Saturday, June 3d, 1893. J. S. GUENARD, Assessor and ex-officio Reg'r of Voters. Providence, La., May 6, 1893.

Sheriff's Sale. State of Louisiana, parish of East Carroll Seventh District Court—D. Dreyfus vs. his creditors—No. 128. By virtue of a writ of sale to me directed by the Hon. Seventh District Court for the parish of East Carroll aforesaid, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction at the door of the courthouse, in the town of Providence, East Carroll parish, La., on Saturday, the 10th day of June, 1893, between the hours prescribed by law, all the right, title and interest of D. Dreyfus in and to the following described property to-wit: Lots 11, 12 and 13 of Block 7, with residence and other improvements, the E 1/2 of Lot 3 on the North side of Lake street, with the improvements thereon. All situated in the town of Providence, in said parish and State, seized in the above suit. Terms of sale—The sale will be made to the highest bidder for whatever the property will bring on twelve months credit, the purchaser to furnish good and sufficient joint security and special mortgage on the property, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. Out of the amount of the adjudication the purchaser shall deduct and pay in cash the costs and taxes, estimated at \$150.00. J. W. DUNN, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Providence, La., May 27, 1893-31.

Proclamation. Whereas, in conformity with law, a special election was held in the town of Providence, La., on May 8, 1893, for the purpose of submitting to the property taxpayers the levying of a special 5-mill annual tax for ten years on all taxable property within the corporate limits of said town to aid the Lake Providence & Western Railway Company in constructing their proposed road in accordance with their charter and the conditions set forth in the petition asking for said the ordinance granting said election; and Whereas, the Board of Aldermen having in conformity with law canvassed the returns of said election and ascertained the result to be in favor of said tax, now therefore I, Edward J. Hanley, Mayor of the town of Providence, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law and in accordance with ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen, do issue this my proclamation promulgating the result of said special election, hereby declaring said special tax adopted, there being a majority of the taxpayers both in numbers and value in favor of it, and said tax will be levied, upon said Railway Company complying with the conditions upon which same was voted. Given under my hand and seal of the town of Providence this 27th day of May, A. D. 1893. E. J. HAMLEY, Mayor.

Lake Hotel & Restaurant. SPRING AND SUMMER PRICES. Regular meals 25c. Meals to order 50c. Transient Board and Lodging \$2 per day, Rooms 50c per day. Special rates to day boarders by the week.

We ask the patronage of the public. The table will be supplied with the best market afford. Meals served at all hours. Good service and the best attention promised. Mrs. Jennie O'Sullivan. April 1, 1893.

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Highest Price Paid for Cotton Seed. Consign Freight Care Planters' Warehouse. Cotton Seed Tanks always on hand.

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