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It will cost nearly $250,000 to rebuild the Biggs and Reid levees in Madison parish.

S. D. McEnery, the U. S. Senator from Louisiana, turns out to be a first class Republican.

Now that Maurice Hart has been acquitted, it may be the cause of the N. O. City Item suspending.

The Christian Endeavor Society, which is to meet in San Francisco next month, will consist of 900 delegates. It will be one of the largest christian meetings ever held in the United States.

Senator Gray, of Delaware, and other prominent Democrats, who stayed away from the party on account of the silver issue, have returned to the fold.

Every Republican Senator is a millionaire several times over. The poorest among them are McMillen, $10,000,000; Elkins, $10,000,000; Proctor, $6,000,000; Hale, $1,500,000, and Aldrich, $1,000,000.

During the month of April 757,799,527 pounds of sugar, valued at $14,747,139, was brought into the United States from foreign countries. This heavy importation is caused by the fear of the new tariff bill becoming a law.

A few days ago it was discovered that five cannons had been stolen from West Point. They were trophies and considered very valuable, having been captured during the Mexican war. This speaks well for the great military school.

It is strange that with two such large crevasses as the Biggs and Reid, that only 20 per cent of the cultivated land in Tensas and 25 per cent in Concordia was inundated. It is gratifying to learn that the water is fast disappearing in these parishes and planting is progressing nicely.

The Senate has passed the Morgan resolution granting beligerent rights to the Cuban patriots, by an overwhelming majority, and the measure is now in the hands of the House, or Speaker Reed, who will do everything in his power to kill the resolution. The Czar is powerful and the country waits.

The Republican State League of Louisiana met in New Orleans on Saturday. The following delegates will attend the national Republican league convention, to be held in Detroit July 13, and 14 and 15: Ex-Gov. Wm. P. Kellogg, P. F. Herwig, A. H. Leonard, J. B. Donnally, L. J. Lowbert, O. C. Blanchin, L. J. Sour, D. A. Lines and O. V. Wagner.

The levee advocates are much elated over the fact that with a stretch of nearly 1200 miles of levee, with the highest water ever known by three feet, that there is not much over a mile of crevasses from Arkansas City to New Orleans. Too much praise cannot be given the United States officers for the judicious manner in which they worked with the Louisiana levee officials.

We regret to see that the Orleans Levee Board has postponed action in regard to giving railroads the right to build their tracks on the levees around the city. It would be a big burden off the tax payers, when it is taken into consideration that the railroads using the levees would keep them up at their own expense. Give them this privilege, which is little enough, for the amount of money spent by them in keeping the water out of New Orleans during the present extreme high water.

McKinley, the "advance agent of prosperity," has failed with his prosperity boom, and the country is in a worse condition than ever. The New York world says that the prosperity has not come. The revival that might have been wrought has not been wrought. A new paralysis has been inflicted upon industry and new barriers have been erected in the path of commerce. The fault lies solely with Republican mismanagement, with the willful perversion of power from the purposes for which it was conferred to purposes of partisanship.

The Tensas Gazette Suggests a Levee Convention at Vicksburg.

The Tensas Gazette in the course of a vigorous article makes the following suggestion:

"This overflow, however, has not shaken the faith of the people and their leaders in the levee system. They know that dirt when piled high enough on scientific principles can hold back the Mississippi floods. They also reflect that they have not had such a water since 1882 upon their lands, and according to the law of averages we should not have another for a number of years.

"What we have to do is to pull together and repair the broken levees and enlarge and strengthen them all along the line. Our levee boards are composed of the best citizens; men of large and valuable experience as to the business with which they are charged. They are to a man loyal to the idea that the levee system is the only means through which this Mississippi Valley can be protected from ruin.

"Considering that prompt action must be had in the near future by our authorities for the purpose of determing what shall be done, we suggest that there will be held at Vicksburg as soon as the water has passed away a convention composed of the members of the various levee boards of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, the object of the convention to be a thorough canvassing of the situation within their respective jurisdictions as to the ability of the property holders to raise by taxation the money necessary to put an entire levee system into a condition to withstand any flood, basing it on the records of 1897.

If they find they cannot do so from the resources at their command, supplemented by what the government so contribute through the Mississippi River Commission, the policy of wisdom will be to take the proper steps to bring the matter before Congress in December on the lines suggested by Gen. T. C. Catchings, of Mississippi, when he announced that at the December session he would bring forward a bill authorizing the government to take charge of the levees and perfect a system which would absolutely protect the Mississippi Valley against overflows.

"If our own people, whose homes would be protected would show a willingness to help themselves to the fullest extent of their ability. Congress would be more apt to take the matter in hand."

The Kingfisher Story Receiving More Confirmation.

A good many of our readers, we suppose, are familiar with the "Lake Providence kingfisher story," which in the last three weeks has been going the round of the press, and which has found many doubting Thomases. In a few words the facts are these: Mr. R. H. Hamlin of Bunch's Bend, in making his round as inspector, found one day on the land side, two feet below the water level, a hole in the levee six feet deep and three inches in diameter, at the junction of the Wilson Point and 'Opossum Point levees. He thought at first some one had been trying to cut the levee, and he put a watchman near the place. For two days this man saw no one but a bird going near the hole. Mr. Hamlin then set a steel trap in the hole and caught in it a kingfisher. Mr. Ransdell, on Mr. Hamlin's invitation, went there to investigate, and found things as told by Mr. Hamlin. The Picayune and Times-Democrat got hold of it, and since that time at least half a dozen letters have come here asking about the matter.

Mr. C. Landaur, the special high water reporter of the Picayune, telegraphed this week to his paper concerning the matter:

"In speaking of the story relative to the kingfisher, Major Thompson, who, after satisfying himself of the truthfulness of the bird at Lake Providence, made inquiries relative to the habits of the bird and received full confirmation of the affair. He had frequently seen this bird, which is quite pretty both in shape and plumage. It is by no means scarce, but its habits were not generally known, even to the frequenters of the woods and swamps, and it was a standing word among the hunters that a large reward would be paid for a kingfisher's nest. It appears that the nests are made in deep holes, from 4 to 15 feet in depth, which are excavated by the bird with great rapidity. These holes are sometimes straight, but frequently have a bend in them near the end, where the excavation is widened into a miniature room, or cave where the bird deposits it eggs. It was probably from the fact that a hole would be a difficult thing to produce that the large reward has been offered for the kingfisher's nest. The eggs are laid on the bare sand and are of a clear crystal whiteness. This bird is very tenacious of the location of its nest and will return several times after it has been robbed of its eggs. This habit accounts for the fact that the levee guard who trapped the bird near Lake Providence was enabled to do so even after he had closed the orifice made by the bird. The scientific name of the bird is Alcedinidea, and the species found in this portion of the country is thoroughly aquatic and are fish eaters."

Mr. Hamlin has since then paid special attention to kingfisher holes, and he has found several in the levees and caught another bird that had made a hole 8 feet deep.

We think that every kingfisher should be killed and a reward offered for the destruction of this bird.

Mr. Frank Constant has purchased the magnificent jack "King Cotton," from Col. F. L. Maxwell. King Cotton took the premium at the Vicksburg Fair. Write to Mr. Constant.

☞Anthrax vaccine, for charbon, at the Guenard drug store.

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Lake Providence, La., May 24, 1897.

The Hon. Board of School Directors of the parish of East Carroll, convened to-day at noon at the office of the secretary, pursuant to call of the President.

Present—Hon. T. J. Powell, President; C. R. Egelly, Secretary; Directors W. H. Benjamin, James Beard, J. S. Millikin, N. Fousse, W. N. White and J. C. Bass.

Absent—Directors Vail Montgomery and T. B. Goffe.

The President briefly stated the object of the meeting, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Communication from the State Superintendent of Public Education relative to the holding of a convention of the school directors in the city of New Orleans on July 13th and 14th, in the interest of the public school system throughout the state, and providing for the election of delegates to the State Constitutional Convention, in order that the school interest of our state might be represented and proper provision made for the future maintenance of our public schools, was read, received, and upon motion of Director Benjamin the following Directors were elected to attend said convention, to-wit: T. J. Powell, W. N. White and W. H. Benjamin, with the addition of C. R. Egelly, superintendent, who would also be in attendance at the Superintendent's Convention in N. O. on the dates named.

The treasurer of the school fund filed his quarterly report for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1896, and also one up to and including April 15, which reports were referred to the Finance Committee for examination and proper auditing.

The Finance Committee then filed the following report which was read, received and adopted, and the claims ordered paid, to-wit:

Lake Providence, La., May 24, 1897.

To the President and members of the Board of School Directors of the parish of East Carroll—

Gentlemen—We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the report of the treasurer of the school fund, dating from October 1, 1896 to April 15, 1897, which is supported by proper vouchers which report we find correct and recommend its adoption.

From said report we find that he had on hand—

Oct. 1, 1896—Cash bal. on hand		$ 442 03
That he has received from the following sources—		
Poll tax from tax collector	$ 775 00	
Parish collected jurors and witnesses	167 00	
	$942 00	
Less collectors com. on $775.00	38 75	903 25
Fines from District Court	$130 00	
Less com. 20 and 10	36 40	93 60
Rent of school land, Bunch's Bend		40 00
Interest fund from State		2728 73
State apportionment 1st quarter		928 20
		$5135 81
That he has disbursed as per vouchers		4703 11
Leaving cash balance in his hands April 10th of		$432 70

We find further that the sheriff and tax collector has paid over to him the poll tax and fines mentioned in the report of the treasurer, and are properly accounted for by that officer.

We have also examined the following accounts presented, which we have approved and recommend their payment, to-wit:

B F Dudley, examiner	$9 00
S B Kennedy, "	9 00
Mrs. Emma Pope for fuel	7 00
Purdy & Schneider, for lime	1 25
	$26 25

Respectfully submitted,
Jas. S. Millikin,
Jas. Beard,
J. C. Bass,
Finance Committee.

Upon motion, it was resolved that inasmuch as the school session would close in a short time and the teachers of the white schools being desirous of ascertaining whether they would be reappointed for the ensuing session, the board after considerable discussion upon motion of Director Fousse, who placed the name of Prof. B. F. Dudley in nomination for reappointment as principal of the Lake Providence white graded school voted upon the resolution, which was adopted. Ayes 4, nays 2; 1 excused from voting;

Whereupon, Prof. Dudley was declared elected Principal of the above named school for the ensuing session.

Upon motion of Director Millikin, Prof. H. F. Mitchell was re-appointed principal of the Providence colored school for the ensuing session.

Upon motion of Director Millikin, the election of white teachers of the town and country schools and also the assistant teachers in the town colored school was deferred until the next regular meeting on July 7th.

Upon motion of Director Millikin, the pay of the 3rd assistant of the Providence white graded school was fixed at $40.00 per month, to take effect from the commencement of the ensuing session.

Upon motion of Director Millikin, the Superintendent was authorized to purchase a gold medal to be presented by this board to Master Isham B. Beard, who will graduate at the close of the present session on Friday the 28th day of May, for general deportment.

The Superintendent announced that the quarterly examination of teachers would take place on July 1st and 2nd, due notice of which would be given by him through the official journal.

There being no further business the board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1897.

T. J. POWELL, President.
CHAS. R. EGELLY, Secretary.

Registration Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the registration book for the Town of Providence will be open at my office in said town from Monday, April 19th to Monday the 7th day of June, 1897, the date fixed for holding the election for municipal officers of said town.

Under Act No. 89 of 1896, providing for a new registration, it is necessary that every one desiring to vote in said election shall register anew.

J. S. GUENARD, Assessor.
Providence, La., April 17th, 1897.

☞Anthrax vaccine for charbon, at the Guenard drug store.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the report, of the Providence Graded School for the month ending May 14, 1897:

Primary Department—Number on roll, 22; average daily attendence, 21; number neither absent nor tardy, 9: Rosie Fousse, Jennie Gilmour, Maidee Harden, Josie Seaders, Willie Hamley, James Heealey, James Wilson, Willie Wilson, and Theodore Whittington.

Miss May Beard, Teacher.

Second Intermediate Department—Number on roll, 20; average daily attendance, 20; neither absent nor tardy, 14: Annie Bell Beard, Pearl Fisher, Nettie Fousse, Irene Millikin, Gertrude O'Sullivan, Lela Taylor, Essie Whittington, Julia Murphy, Henry Goodrich, Jeff Fatherree, Joe Montgomery, Thomas Wilson, Wiley Wood and Louie Levy.

Miss Dessie Bell, Teacher.

First Intermediate Department—Number on roll, 21; average daily attendance, 20; number neither absent nor tardy, 12: Adeline Williams, Julia Williams, Marguerite Montgomery, Narciss Kennedy, Carrie Fousse, Mina Franklin, Mary Blount, Tom Montgomery, Sam O'Sullivan, Clum Hamilton, Eddie Hamley and Carroll Beard.

Miss Maud Taylor, Teacher.

High School Department—Number on roll, 18, average daily attendance, 18; neither absent nor tardy, 10: Bloss Ashbridge, Icey Beard, Percy Brown, Jesse Gardham, Martian Hamley, Dee McKee, Willie Moore, Alice Fousse, Katie Kennedy and Isabel Montgomery. Total number neither absent nor tardy, 45.

B. F. Dudley, Principal.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for City Marshal of the town of Providence, and ask the support of the voters.

Respectfully,
D. F. PECK.

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Notice.

Having completed the listing and having estimated the values of all real and personal property in the parish in accordance with law, notice is hereby given that my lists will remain open for inspection and correction at my office for a period of 20 days, beginning on the 10th day of June, 1897.

W. C. McRAE,
Assessor East Carroll Parish.
Lake Providence, La., May 29, 1897.

NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Lake Providence Lumber Co., held Feb. 15th inst. the Board of Directors agreed on the following prices for lumber, to-wit:

Cypress cabin lumber, $12 per m.
Cypress bevelled siding, rough, $10 per m.
Cypress dressed siding, $13 per m.
Cypress T. & G. flooring and ceiling, best grade, $17 per m.
Cypress T. & G. flooring and ceiling, 2nd grade, $13 per m.
Gum cabin lumber, $8 per m.
Shingles, all heart, $2.50 per m.
Shingles, 2nd grade, $2 per m.

☞These prices are for lumber at the mill; when delivered, the hauling will have to be added.

E. J. HAMLEY, Manager.

PROCLAMATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, TOWN OF PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with provisions of the Charter of the town of Providence, and by direction of the Hon. Board of Aldermen, an election is hereby ordered to take place on **Monday, the 7th day of June, 1897,** for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Secretary, Treasurer, City Marshal and five Aldermen.

All persons who may desire to vote at said election are required to register and procure proper registration papers in accordance with Act No. 137, of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July, 1894.

The supervisor of registration will cause his office to be opened on Monday, the 12th day of April, 1897, at hours to be by him fixed and place designated in accordance with said Act No. 137.

Given under my hand and official seal of the town of Providence, on this the 10th day of April, 1897.

E. J. HAMLEY, Mayor.

Attest:
C. R. EGELLY, Secretary.

JURY LIST.

List of the jurors drawn for the June 1897 criminal term of the Hon. 7th District court for East Carroll parish, La.

JURORS FOR THE FIRST WEEK.

Andrew Powell	1	Aaron Sutfield	2
Ben Fleming	3	T S Sitton	4
F M Taylor	3	G H Sutton	3
Nat Wilson	3	Isaac L Lewis	2
J G Oldfield	3	S E Overton	3
Henry Franklin	3	Philan Bullin	3
Levi Frisby	2	Joe Washington	4
Sam Gibson	2	Robt Lowns	3
D B Pond	2	Wm Fore	4
C A Williams	2	Gus Strother	5
Sam Goodwyn	3	M M Goodwyn	5
Goza McWilliams	3	Chas Scott, Jr.,	2
Willson White	1	Ben Speaks	4
Tom Godfrey	5	Chas Staples	3
Henry Lee	4	Milford Knox	4
Freeman Locket	2	Wm Young	2
Jim Irwin	2	Jonas Russel	4
Max Levy	3	Dolph Reese	5
Sandford Tyler	3	Wm Hogan	2
Steve Pullin	3	John Boatner	4
Pet Walton	4	Peter Jackson	4
Robert King	3	Nelson Wright	5
Henry Smith	2	Henry Jones	5
Alex Stephens	5	J C Pittman	2
Frank Smith	3	Gentry Jones	5

JURORS FOR THE SECOND WEEK.

Chas Ward	3	Eli Johnson	5
W H Benjamin	2	Abe Williams	5
Henry Johnson	2	Wm Mathews	5
Sig Wolf	1	T J Powell	3
C A Seeghers	3	Abe Wyatt	1
Mose Sargeant	1	Andrew Griffin	3
Henry Cronninger	2	Andrew Sutfield	2
Burl Oley	2	Gus Turner	4
V Montgomery	3	J B Kerlin	5
Robt Gilliard	5	Aaron Johnson	2
Jesse Powell	2	Chas Johnson	2
Jonas Scott	2	Parker Gaines	1
J N Morgan	3	Ben Griffin	2
Geo W McKee	3	E M Noland	1
Frank Moore	2	Wright Foster	1

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original Venire List now on file and of Record in my office.

Witness my seal and signature this 6th day of May A. D., 1897.

J. D. TOMPKINS,
Clerk 7th District Court.

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Information for the Public.

The following is the schedule of the Y. & M. V. R. R., taking effect from Sept. 13.

New Orleans Division—Train 5 will leave Vicksburg at 3.10 a.m. and arrive at New Orleans 10:35 a. m.

Train 21 will leave Vicksburg 8:00 a. m. and arrive New Orleans 5:30 p. m.

Train 6 will leave New Orleans 4:20 p. m. and arrive Vicksburg 11.50 p. m.

Train No. 22 will leave New Orleans at 8.05. a. m. and arrive at Vicksburg at 5.55 p. m.

Memphis Division—Train No. 5 will leave Memphis at 7.55 p. m. and arrive at Vicksburg at 3:00 a. m.

No. 23 will leave Memphis at 8:45 a. m. and arrive at Vicksburg at 6:45 p. m.

Train No. 6 leaves Vicksburg at 12.01 a. m. and arrives at Memphis at 7.10 p. m.

Tran No. 24 will leave Vicksburg at 7:3 a. m. and arrive at Memphis at 5:30 a. m.

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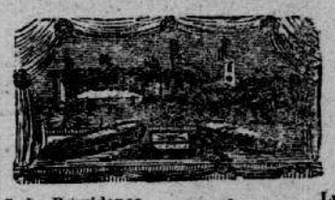

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