

Fire

As Abbeville Demolishes Nine of the Most Prominent Mercantile Establishments of That Town. A Whole Block Nearly Burnt Down. Loss Estimated at Between \$50,000 and \$60,000

Our sister town Abbeville was on Friday last, visited by a most disastrous conflagration, probably the worst in its history. At about 6:30 p. m. the fire alarm was sounded and following it the Abbeville Fire Company almost immediately responded to the call. The fire started in Dr. Theriot's office over the McEnery drug store and was, we are informed, caused by the explosion of an oil stove. The flames spread so rapidly that it was at once seen the whole business portion of that section of the town was doomed to destruction. Acting upon these forbodings the authorities at once called for assistance from New Iberia.

A message was sent to the depot by telephone, when our consular agent Mr. A. C. Pickett together with wired Mr. W. F. Owens the over-pleasant Superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Algiers for instructions as to taking a special train over to Abbeville from here to assist our sister town. Only one or two minutes elapsed before the reply came requesting the proper crew to get together to convey our fire company to Abbeville. The Southern Pacific and its employees are to be commended upon their speediness of action in this and all such cases of emergency. They have always proved themselves ready to help the helping hand. Two flat cars, one box car and the Salt Lake engine, with the switch engine, were the train which left New Iberia at 8:03 p. m. Engineer Clark was in charge of the locomotive and made probably the fastest run ever accomplished on the Abbeville branch. Although the run was swift passengers and baggage to property was in no way endangered. Thanks to him. The Jennings Co. are most fortunate in having so efficient an employee and certainly one with so much nerve.

The engine of Company No. 5 was undergoing repairs it was responsible for that company to have it repaired. However No. 5 under Foreman's quick response and at the depot on time. At the time the train reached Abbeville the fire had burnt out, and it was necessary to prevent the buildings from meeting a fate of destruction.

Engine No. 5 was placed at the public square and the water out of it as fast as possible. At last the flames were subdued that all fear of a fresh start was removed. Our boys of No. 5 were hard and heroically. It is to that company to the state of rowdyism a few who went over to Abbeville in no way attributed to the boys of No. 5. We make this statement on behalf of the members of the company. The return to Abbeville left at midday. The Jennings Co. and its business houses—completely demolished. The furniture store, hardware and implements Establishment.

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STATE NEWS.

The Jennings Irrigation Co., Ltd., have purchased a new pumping plant of Boland & Gschwind, of the latest improved design. The opening of the pumping season of 1900 will find them ready to irrigate 4,000 acres of rice, against 1,800 this year.

The power plant consists of two stationary boilers, 72 inches by 18 feet, with flush end, and 72 tubes, four inches by 18 feet. The boilers weigh 60,000 pounds and have 60 foot smokestacks. The engine is a Vitter improved horizontal Corliss engine, size of cylinders 22x42, 300 horse power and weighing 17,000 pounds. The name "Capt. D. E. Sweet" will be placed on the engine in gilt. The engine is fitted with a Gardner duplex boiler feed pump, with independent injector for each boiler.

The pumps are two of Ivens' 18-inch improved heavy duty double suction pattern 18-inch discharge. The pump is 32-foot lift, guaranteed to throw 25,000 gallons of water per minute under moderate pressure and 30,000 gallons per minute under enforced draft. The pump has a steam-driven jet condenser. Rope transmission is used.

The machinery will be delivered by Feb. 15th and is to be in operation by March 15th. It will be shipped up by boat from Mermen-tau. The selling agents take the old plant.

While vast improvements are being made in the pumping plant, almost as important a stride forward is being made in the canal system. The main canal of three miles has been extended during the summer two miles further west and is now at the Marais. The Marais will be flumed with a 600-foot cypress flume and from that point the canal will be extended yet one mile more, giving a main canal of six miles and seven miles of principal laterals.

East of Marais the new canal will water the farms of A. and P. Landry, U. S. Phillips, J. N. Patridge, P. Longman, S. Gary, F. Lopez, W. M. Williams, Red Labauve, M. V. Marsh and others; west of the Marais, W. H. Simmons, L. Cotton, Harry Bryan, the Stoddard farm and others.

The old canal of a half mile, leading from the bayou to the pump will be dredged to a width of 34 feet and a depth of six feet at low water.

The power plant is ample to drive three pumps and with two pumps will be capable of irrigating 6,000 acres, fully tripling the capacity of the old plant.

The Jennings Irrigation Co. is officered by D. E. Sweet, president; W. H. Simmons, vice-president; C. L. Pardee, secretary. They have an authorized capital of \$30,000, have expended fully double that amount and have probably the third largest irrigating plant in Calcasieu parish.—Jennings Times.

A CALL.

The regular monthly meeting of this association will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11th, at 8 p. m. at No. 712 Union street, New Orleans. It is anticipated that the meeting will be a very interesting one in many respects, and an invitation has been extended to the members of the Association of Agricultural Commissioners of the Southern States, who will be holding their annual session in New Orleans at that time, to be present at the meeting of our association. It is hoped these distinguished gentlemen will accept the invitation, and the members of the Louisiana Sugar Planters' Association will doubtless be on hand in full force to give them a cordial welcome. Ex.

Messrs. Rogers and Wright are pushing the work on the dredge boat. The hull, which is 90 feet long by 30 feet wide, was launched Thursday, and as soon as the machinery can be put on the boat, the work of dredging will begin, and in a few months the Iberia & St. Mary drainage canal will be completed. A grand public enterprise that will be of incalculable benefit to this section of fertile country which is already so bountifully favored by nature.—Coast Herald.

Court House Record.

Transactions at the Parish Capitol.

Real Estate Deals of the Past Week.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by the Clerk of Court since our last report: L. A. Morest, Mayor of Corporation of Jeanerette to Rev. Father M. Bardi. Lot and improvements in Jeanerette on Church street bounded north purchaser, south Judice street, east Church street, west Hebert; \$1000; Jules P. Robin, notary.

A. D. Foster President of Jeanerette Loan and Building Association to Bernard F. Trappey, lot and improvements in Jeanerette, bounded north Main street, south V. and P. R. R. street; \$700; Jules P. Robin, notary.

Mrs. Emma Henkel wife of Peter Henkel to Theogene D. Houssaye, lot and improvements in Jeanerette; bounded north Derouen street, south V. and P. R. R. street, east Hebert street; \$575; Jules P. Robin, notary.

Gustave Pessan to Willie Lewis, lot of ground on Centre street; \$52; U. S. Haase, notary.

Gustave Pessan to William E. Douglas, lot of ground and improvements on Centre street; \$117; U. S. Haase, notary.

Leon Robicheaux to Iberia Building Association, lot of ground and improvements in Jeanerette; \$1000; W. G. Weeks, notary.

Iberia Building Association to Mrs. Estella Delsune wife of William S. Smith, lot of ground and improvements in Jeanerette; \$1000; W. G. Weeks, notary.

Charles G. Andrews to Henry Haines and Silas Glover, half arpent of ground in Iberia parish, bounded north McDay, south and east vendor, west street; \$50; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Charles G. Andrews to Johnnie McDay, half arpent of ground in Iberia parish, bounded north Lane, east Kemp, south and west vendor; \$70; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Mrs. Anna Broussard to Avenal Norris, 30 arpents of ground at Huberville; \$95.80; A. N. Muller, notary.

Jim Segura to Gustave Pessan, 20 arpents of ground at Petit Anse; \$265.65; A. N. Muller, notary.

William Segura to Gustave Pessan, 20 arpents of ground at Petit Anse; \$225.40; A. N. Muller, notary.

Guilham Floyd to E. E. Hayes, lot of ground at Huberville; \$100; C. A. Poirson, notary.

Edward Gayles to E. E. Hayes, 2 lots of ground at Huberville; \$64; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Isiah Joe to E. E. Hayes, 4 1/2 acres of ground at Huberville with improvements; \$100; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Michel Washington to E. E. Hayes, 2 acres of ground and improvements, bounded north Henkel, south Judice or assign, east Monnot, west Washington; \$87.00; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Jeff Harrison to E. E. Hayes, lot and improvements at Huberville; \$37.50; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Flora Floyd to E. E. Hayes, lot of ground at Huberville; \$54; C. A. Poirson, notary, Jeanerette.

Clive Robertson to Nicholas Muller, a certain gasoline boat; \$100; A. N. Muller, notary.

Alphonse Segura to Gustave Pessan, 20 arpents of ground at Petit Anse; \$173.65; A. N. Muller, notary.

Mrs. Desre LeBlanc to Adam LeBlanc, 34 arpents of ground at Petit Anse; \$300; A. N. Muller, notary.

Valerie Dautrive to J. D. Dautrive; 35 arpents of ground at Fausse Point; \$920; A. N. Muller, notary.

Philip P. Boutte to Felix Touriac, undivided share in tract of land, bounded north road, south Hebert, east Bonin, west Boutte; \$525; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Charles Cogenheim to Philip P. Boutte; tract of land, bounded north Boutte, south Tourign, west Jaumia, east Hebert; \$435; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Voltaire Boutte to Mrs. E. H. Darby, 19 acres of ground and improvements at Isle Piquart; \$123.16; P. L. Renouet, notary.

William Patout to Nelson Carey, Philis Carey and Francis Paton, tract of land and improvements at Isle Piquart; \$75.70; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Joseph Delcambre and Numa Miguez to Oncepliore Viator, thirty-five arpents and improvements at Petit Anse; \$600; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Joseph R. Boutte to Albert Allemen, stock of merchandise in store on upper Main street; \$1557.10; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Mauril David and Michel Delcambre to Mrs. Caroline Broussard, 35 arpents and improvements at Petit Anse; \$250; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Mrs. Anasthasu Breittmayer to Mrs. Matilda Anderson, wife of Columbus Robinson, seven arpents in parish, bounded north road, south S. P. R. R., east Boutte, west vendor; \$450; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Mrs. Anasthasu Breittmayer to Page Louis, 3 1/2 arpents and improvements, bounded north road, south S. P. R. R., east vendor, west vendor; \$225; P. L. Renouet, notary.

Joseph Boden to Cleo Romero, 20 arpents of ground and improvements at Petit Anse, \$110.50; P. L. Renouet, notary.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Joseph Biaze to Selvia Brown. Sterling Derouen to Dora Romero. Levy Kelly to Lavinia LeBlanc.

LOREAUVILLE NOTES.

On Friday evening last a party was given by the Loreauville Euchre Club at the residence of Mr. St. Clair Dugas. Refreshments of a delicious nature were served and enjoyed by all present.

The ladies first prize was awarded to Miss Lucy Dugas, Miss Olympe Decourt was made the fortunate possessor of the second prize.

The gentlemen's first prize was won by Mr. Walter J. Toffier, second prize Mr. Jules T. Mestayer.

The ladies and gentlemen comprising the party were:—Misses Mimmie Girard, Lucy Dugas, Minnie Provost, Lizzie Roth, Annuth Durand, Mathilde Dugas, Adele Breaux, Olympe Decourt, Adeline Greig, and L. Montodon. Messrs. Walter J. Toffier, Jules F. Mestayer, Michel Crouchet, Silvio Gonsoulin, Rene Verret, Alexander S. Mary, Eugene Prince, Geo. Greig and Charles Mestayer.

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OUR CHINESE ALLIES.

Without Them and Without Optum Our Army Might Starve in Luzon.

What water is to the caribao, opium is to the Chinaman. Unless the Chinese were allowed opium, the belly of the army might starve and the rifle want for ammunition. Every Chinaman, whether in the supply train or in the hospital corps, is not a "John," as he is in the states, or a "boy," as he is in the English settlements in China, but a "Cheeno," and the "Cheeno," like the caribao which he drives, prefers to live on the country, if we would allow it.

But Uncle Sam in his goodness of heart brings rice out from Manila for him, while he leaves undisturbed, to be returned to their future owners, such stores as the insurgents have not burned. A little rice and a few smokes a day, and a "Cheeno" manages to keep pace with the caribao, and at other times bears burdens that would break a Filipino's back.

The Yankee drivers do not understand the language, and he does not understand theirs. The teamster swears and gesticulates, and the Chinaman "savvies" the second or the third, if not the first, time what is wanted.

If he gets lazy and lolls under the shade of a cart, he is sure to be up by the time that the "boss"—he knows that much American English—is within striking distance.

From what they have seen in the hospital corps, our officers are convinced the Chinese under white officers will make fine soldiers. They will follow the white doctor into the most dangerous places on the field. Without the white man's moral support they yell and run.

When one cried out in his dream at one o'clock in the morning, two-thirds of our caribao drivers thought that the Filipinos were upon them. In their fright some jumped into the river. Our soldiers in fishing them out forgot the discomfort of being awakened and nearly burst their sides with laughter.

But they have cause for their fears. After squeezing all his money out of a thrifty Chinaman, the Filipinos sometimes shove off his queue or sometimes hang him.—Collier's Weekly.

German Jury Laws.

In Germany when the vote of the jury stands six against six, a prisoner is acquitted. A vote of seven against five leaves the decision to the court, and on a vote of eight against four the prisoner is convicted.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Socialistic Plan in France.

At Ronbaix, one of the socialist strongholds of France, the 11,000 public school children receive free food and clothing at the expense of the town.—Chicago Chronicle.

Hicks—They tell me that Hinson's wife consulted a clairvoyant the other day, and she says the woman's powers of seeing into the past and future are truly wonderful.

Wicks—Yes, she told Hinson's wife that she was 32, and everybody knows that Mrs. Hinson will never see 40 again.—Boston Transcript.

50 cents.

Will be paid for a copy of the WEEKLY IBERIAN of Sept. 10th, 1898, at this office.

NEW AMERICAN EXPORT.

Office Furniture and Fittings Made Here Are Now Being Shipped to Cuba.

According to the federal census of 1890 there were in the United States more than 10,000 persons engaged in brass casting and brass finishing, and they received, collectively, \$6,000,000 a year in wages and kept in operation a business in which, at that time, \$20,000,000 was invested. One of the details of the brass casting and finishing business relates to the work supplied for office fixtures, in which, by degrees and with good results, metal, and especially brass, has been substituted for the less ornamental, less durable, and less desirable wood. Only a few days ago one of the big brass companies shipped to Havana the bronze work for the offices of a banking house. In brass manufactures New York and Philadelphia stand almost on conditions of equality as regards the number of establishments, but in respect to the number of persons employed and the wages paid, both cities are exceeded by Baltimore and Detroit. Baltimore has always done a large business in brass finishing, and the great extension of the Michigan lumber trade in the manufacture of furniture has been the reason for the prominence of Detroit in the use of brass fixtures and ornaments, as a part of office fixtures.

American ingenuity in the field of manufacture is sufficient to insure a favorable market for American made goods wherever the industrial conditions are such as to be American producers. Spain is a large producer of both copper and zinc, of which brass is made. With a heavy duty upon American copper castings and a more favorable mode of treatment of Spanish products in this line the Cuban market for copper ware was naturally larger before the war than it has since become. Now shipments of American office furniture have begun to be a notable item of commerce with Cuban cities. In the manufacture of office furniture the United States stands at the head of all the countries of the world.—N. Y. Sun.

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