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At the meeting of the Police Jury on Thursday the Sarah Bridge occupied considerable time and attention, the contractor then being ready to submit the structure as finished and for acceptance.

Some four months ago the Police Jury, after deciding that a public bridge should be built at Sarah Plantation for accommo-

the structure. The debate on these issues was long and rather heated, Mr. Blanc appearing in his own behalf. He offered to remove the two pieces of old lumber complained of claiming that in so doing he would still leave the structure with one piece of timber more than the plans and specifications called for in that particular part of the work.

Juror Dallas explained that the pieces of old lumber used were sound and that it was quite probable that they would outlast much of the new lumber used in building the bridge.

Upon the suggestion of the contractor the reports of the two experts were accepted. The Jury was then invited to visit in a body



tion of the people living in the bend of the Teche, accepted the plans and specifications as submitted by Mr. Frank Blanc of this city, also his bid of \$4500 for doing the work. Upon receiving the award of contract Mr. Blanc started assembling his materials at once and at the same time made application to the War Department for the necessary permit to build the bridge across the Teche. The Department approved the plans at once but the applica-

several criticisms developed and one of these was the charge that old or second-hand lumber was being employed in the construction of the bridge. This led to a critical examination of the work by the supervising committee of the Police Jury, followed by the appointment of two experts, who were requested to pass judgment upon materials and workmanship. One of these experts found no fault, while the other objected to the presence of the old lumber in

the site and to cast their vote for its acceptance or rejection with the bridge in view. This agreed to, but the weather of the afternoon prevented the carrying out of the plan.

We are advised that the Police Jury finally agreed to accept the bridge as it stands conditioned upon its approval by the Government authorities. Mr. Blanc has made application to the Department to have an inspector sent to pass upon the structure.

FREAK LIGHTNING.

Mr. Jno. Broussard's life Doubtless Saved by Heeding an Impression.

Lightning's Freakish Work, Wrecking his bed.

Of all strange things, is the wonderful escape from almost certain death, that fell to the lot of Mr. Jno. Broussard yesterday afternoon. His residence was struck by lightning, which did great damage to the building and its furnishings, but spared its inmates from further harm than a severe fright.

Yesterday, Mrs. Broussard was called to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Daunterve, in Fausse Pointe. So when he went home for his dinner, at the usual hour, the mistress of his home was absent. At home he found Miss Mathilde Renoulet and his daughters, Misses Laurence, Vena, and Bessie, and his son, Robert. The noon day meal was served without incident.

Mr. Broussard says, it has been a habit of his for the past eleven years to take his paper and go to a rear bed-room on the second floor which has a delightful southern exposure, and there throw himself on the bed by the open windows and read for an hour or two. In later years his wife has joined him in these afternoon rests. This custom had become so fixed a habit that he cannot remember a break in it.

Yesterday afternoon his daughter, Miss Bessie, took possession of the large lounge, which had been wheeled to a position under the electric fan in the dining room and was soon asleep. Mr. Broussard, with his paper in hand, reached the foot of the stairs on his way to the upstairs room when he received the impression with commanding force, "return to the office." He haulted with his foot upon the first step. He debated a moment. It was raining. He obeyed. He returned to the dining room and called Miss Bessie out of her sleep to get his umbrella, knowing that she had had it last, what he proceeded to

ed her sisters and their guests in the library.

Not more than a quarter of an hour later he was notified that his home had been struck by lightning and to come quick. Racked with apprehensions for the safety of his loved ones he hurried home. All were safe. But such a wreck as he found, especially in the upstairs back room! Fragments of that bed were strewn in four rooms in a most mysterious manner. The carpets and rugs were torn and a matting was bursted upwards by the mighty explosion. The wall by the side of the bed had been bursted both outward and inward, as though the explosion had taken place between the ceiling and the weatherboard. The roof was ripped up on two sides and a flue was demolished. An armoire in an adjoining room was moved and the cornice partly lifted off.

Strange to say, in the room of the greatest wreckage, an armoire with plate glass doors, large mirror on the bureau between, and a large portrait of his wife, covered with glass, resting on an easel, escaped injury.

Down stairs immediately above the lounge where Miss Bessie slept, the electric fan was burnt out, the telephone was out of commission, and the electric light pendants were torn from the ceiling.

Steps were at once taken to make the house weather proof by covering the shattered portion of the roof with sheets of galvanized iron.

The home of Mr. Clifford Lemaire was also struck by lightning demolishing the kitchen stove burning a hole through the floor and killing a chicken under the kitchen.

Mrs. Babb who resides not far from the residence of Mr. Lemaire was knocked down and stunned.

We also learn of the killing of a number of chickens across the bayou by another electric discharge from the angry clouds.

Look around and see if you don't need some printed stationery. If so the Iberian office is the place to get first-class work.

THE SOUTHERN CANAL

The Tangle Still on and the Solution not yet in Sight.

The Problem is with the Contractor. He has not stated when Work will Start again

The Board of Commissioners of the N. I. Southern Canal is endeavoring to straighten out the tangle that has caused a suspension of work on that water-way.

Mr. Z. W. Thomas, the contractor is here in the interest of this work and contends that he, (or the subcontractors) have adopted the plans and specifications, originally signed, as the only true guide in the cutting of the canal. That a subsequent survey should make manifest an error as to depth of any section of the work, or its yardage, should not operate to the disadvantage of the contractor in compelling him to go back over that part of the work.

On the other hand the contract specifies that it is the intent and purpose of the canal to carry a depth of 6 feet of water throughout its entire length when completed, and that 25 per cent of the contract price shall be held in reserve by the commission, to be paid to the contractor at the conclusion of the work only upon the finished canal agreeing to every detail of the specifications.

The problem thus presented is a serious one—one of not easy solution.

Loose Leaf Ledgers, at Millards

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