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JOB WORK A SPECIALTY.

The Morganza levee is completed.

The Inter-State Commerce bill has passed the House.

Frank Hiscock has been elected Senator from New York, to succeed Warner Miller.

Van Wyck has been defeated for Senator from Nebraska, by Ex-Senator A. S. Paddock.

There will be a cocking main in Shreveport, on Feb. 3d, Madison will furnish not less than 12 cocks.

Except that the TIMES dislikes to hit a fallen enemy, it would make some remarks on the Cuthbert Jones-King affair.

Mr. W. L. Sharkey, formerly of Madison Parish, died in San Antonia Texas, last week. His remaines were brought to Vicksburg, Miss., for burial.

The Ruston Caligraph says that the New Jersey legislature elected Hon. Geo. Gray Senator from that state. As Delaware elected the same gentleman, this sort of tangles things.

If the editor of the Arcadia Advance had read and digested the MADISON TIMES he would not have had occasion to ask how the TIMES got pay for its account against the Satanta Medicine Co. The pace was too hot for the Satanta Co.

The Backbone Land Grant bill is denounced by Commissioner Sparks, who thus endorses Senator Eustis. The N. Y. World, always alert, when frauds are proposed, calls on the President to veto it.

The New Orleans Picayune celebrated its 50th anniversary last Tuesday. The issue of that date—the 25th—contained a fac simile of its first issue of Jan. 25, 1837, so arranged that it could be cut out and preserved.

The Shreveport Times challenges any ring paper to produce any unfair and unjustifiable remarks about Gov. McEnery made by that journal. This is safe, as of course no sane person presrves a copy of the Shreveport Times, and therefore cannot produce the remarks.

Our neighbors in Madison Parish, the Item and the Times are getting up a small size squabble about "Facts." Go slow neighbors, you will do well to let facts speak for themselves.—East Carroll Democrat.

The Democrat is off. The TIMES simply states (flat footed,) that the Item fails on its facts and the Item don't deny it.

The Shreveport Times disposes of the charge that Senator Gibson stole Senator Eustis' thunder by saying "this idle story is effectually laid to rest by the statement that Senator Gibson was not present when his colleague gave notice that he was going to thunder." This may satisfy the Shreveport Times, but as a matter of fact is about as thin an excuse as you could scare up in a weeks hunt. The notice was given publicly, and Mr. Gibson could easily have heard of it—probably did. Does the Shreveport Times get all its information by hearing it? If it does

A SERIOUS MATTER.

When the V. S. & P., raised their road bed they filled up with dirt, an opening in the embankment just at the lower edge of town. This opening was the natural and proper drainage for all the land from the railroad down to Dr. Trezevant's house, and was in the line, and part of, the ditch forming the line between the Askew and Scotland plantations. The filling in of the opening was not of itself so hurtful, if a means of escape for the water that would gather around there, had been provided. This however, was not done, and the rain last Sunday turned that part of town into a lake ranging from two feet deep down to a few inches, the nearer the railroad the deeper the lake. A few hours more of rain and the lake would have been of quite respectable size.

Now there is no necessity for such a state of things. The railroad embankment should have a ditch each side of it, to carry off rain water. On the north side of the rail road the drainage is away from the road, but on the south side the drainage is to the railroad, and it is an imperative necessity that the basin located at and near the filled in ditch should be provided with an outlet. It is somebody's business to see that this is done, not the railroads of course, for it is their business to avoid doing anything that can be left undone; at least that is the way they do business in Madison. It looks, to an unprejudiced observer, as though the road made it a special study "how not to do it" and any attempt to out do them in their specialty, is a hopeless task.

Still they should not be permitted to drown out people so unfortunate as live along their line of road, especially when the failure of the attempt to drown them will of necessity be followed later in the season with disease, for this accumulated water having no escape will stay there until it evaporates or soaks into the ground, in which case sickness is bound to result. This matter is urgent, and calls for prompt and energetic measures.

PARISH FINANCES.

The financial status of the parish as given by the Grand Jury and as given by the TIMES do not differ seriously as to the final wind up, but as to the present condition of affairs they differ seriously. For instance the Grand Jury shows cash on hand to the extent of $3.-423.09 which induces everybody who has a claim against the parish to strike a trot for Tallulah, for their money, and as there is not a cent of available cash in the Treasury, the report is to that extent misleading.

Again, after saying that the heaviest burden on the parish is its criminal expenses, which on an estimate amounts to $8.000 a year, and suggests a salary for the magistrates and the constables; further on, the same Grand Jury says a still more important saving—that is still more important than the criminal expenses—might be effected by advertising for the lowest bidder to feed the prisoners. As the matter of feeding the prisoners is a comparatively small item, the assertion that it is still more important than the criminal expenses is incorrect and misleading. It may be mentioned also that it was generally known that the parish had appropriated $21.000 for building a Court house, and as the report of the Grand Jury showed only a balance of $10.000, there was a clear shortage of about $11.-000. But as the Item knows it all, and dishes out facts by the bushel, regardless of the quality, this is perfectly clear to an ordinary citizen—clear as mud.

THE MAIL SERVICE.

The mail service, or the lack of it, is generally complained of in the South. Our local service is so utterly disreputable that ordinary language fails to express the common sentiment on the subject. The career of a mail agent on the V. S. & P., is short aud sweet. One agent after another is appointed, only to resign. The work is too much for one man. An expert might make a pretty fair showing, but an inexperienced hand becomes hopelessly tangled, and gives it up. In the meantime the people suffer. No confidence is felt that a letter will reach its destination, and there is a dead moral certainty that it won't get there on time. The best government the world ever saw, is mighty short on the mail service, and in Georgia it is seriously proposed to resort to the Express Companies and let the mail service severely alone.

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ORDER.

Changing and Fixing the Terms of Court in the 8th Judicial District. Composed of the Parishes of Madison and East Carroll.

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Parish of Madison, } cial District

WHEREAS, the State Legislature at its session of 1876, by Act. No. 27, approved June 23, A. D. 1886, have made appeals from the Eighth District Court in and for the Parish of Madison to the Supreme Court of the State, returnable to said Court sitting in the town of Monroe on the 1st Monday of June and thereby necessitated a change of terms of said District Court. Therefore for the greater convenience of litigants and attorneys, and in the public interests:

It is ordered that the terms of the 8th District Court in and for the Parishes of East Carroll and Madison be and are hereby changed and fixed as follows, to-wit:

In the Parish of East Carroll:
JURY TERMS.—On the 1st Mondays in January and June.
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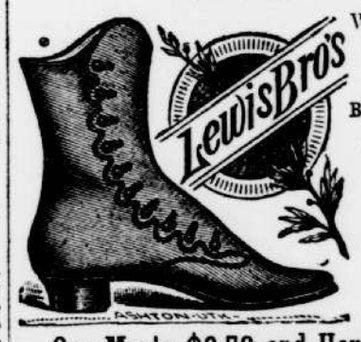

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