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E. W. COLE.

The magnificent steamer E. W. Cole recently purchased by Messrs. Pharr and Williams for the Teche trade, left New Orleans Thursday the 7th., and will arrive here to-morrow evening, under the command of that efficient steamboatman Capt. T. L. Morse. Rumors have been set afloat that this boat was running in connection with the railroad, and with the object of driving the Belt line away from the trade, but we are informed by the above named gentlemen that the rumors are false and unfounded and are circulated with the purpose of injuring the business of the E. W. Cole. The prospects of a fine crop are the most flattering, and the E. W. Cole which has entered the trade with the intention of remaining in it, will undoubtedly carry a large portion of it to the market.

Fourth of July.

Little was the demonstration of our citizens towards celebrating the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the Independence of the United States, the greatest of nations. The only demonstration manifested was the Knights of Labor, headed by a brass band and a United States flag who, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, paraded our streets.

Local Lights.

The only place to get nice and cool beer is at B. Audibert's.

Bayou Chene celebrated the fourth of July in high style, the Cypremort brass band being on hand.

We are reliably informed that the delegation of the Second Ward favor the re-election of the present parish officers at the coming election.

Owing to the lengthy proceedings, of the Police Jury and Town Council, we were compelled to omit from this issue "The Creoles of Louisiana," which will be continued in our next issue.

Messrs. L. J. and E. G. Voerhies of this place, who have studied law for the last few years, went to Opelousas this week to pass their examination before the Supreme Court.

The Police Jury met in regular session Tuesday, and was kept in session all the week reviewing the assessment lists, and will probably consume the coming week revising the assessments.

Capt. E. T. King has submitted his report of the statistics gathered by him of the Parish of St. Martin, which proves to be very satisfactory. If facts and figures are of any account, we will soon have the Teche locked and the upper part rendered navigable the year round.

Heavy showers of rain have fallen most of the past week, and in consequence the roads are in very bad conditions. Fortunately for the planters, they had laid by nearly all their crops, which will suffer but very little if at all from the rains.

B. Audibert is the champion, he keeps the nicest and coolest beer.

Vitality of Great Men.

Is not always innate or born with them but many instances are known where it has been acquired by the persistent and judicious use of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

The Police Officers attempted to arrest a negro named Baptiste Webre, who was drunk and creating some disturbance in town last Saturday night, when he pulled a revolver on the officers who were as quick as he was and opened fire on the negro who fled as quick as his legs could carry him, and has evaded arrest.

Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding elder, of the La., Teche District of the Methodist Episcopal. Will hold its second quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church of this place, on the 9th. and 10th of July, preaching on Sunday at 11 a. m. and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ENGLISH FEMALE BITTERS is not a beverage, but a powerful and unmistakable female tonic, imparting iron to impoverished blood gives a keen appetite, aids digestion and proper assimilation of food, strengthens the feeble, invigorates the chronic, is prompt and reliable in its effect.

The Parish Democratic Executive Committee met at Breux Bridge, on Saturday the 2nd. inst., and selected Hon. Felix Voerhies to represent the parish of St. Martin in the State Central Executive Committee. This appointment meets with the general approval of the people of the parish. Mr. Voerhies was once a Representative of this parish, and will honorably discharge his duties at the convention, to the best interests of our Parish and State.

Where are you going Jack? why, at B. Audibert's for a glass of that nice beer!

Foaming and sparkling Bailey's SALINE APERIENT is the cheapest and most delightful purgative. For dyspepsia and habitual constipation, it delights everybody.

Beer! Beer! always on ice at B. Audibert's.

DIED.

Friday morning July 1st, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. H. S. Greig, nee Felicia Laperuse, aged 38 years. She was buried the following day from the Catholic Church, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Greig leaves a husband and several young children to deplore her untimely demise. The sympathy of the Messenger is extended to the bereaved family.

POLICE JURY.

Regular Meeting held on this 5th. day of July 1887.

The Meeting was called to order at the hour fixed: Were present, Hon. F. Berard President and Messrs. Duchamp, Patin and Gillard. Absent Mr. Chs. Gutekunst.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Capt. E. T. King in person begs leave to submit to this Body his written report on the Commerce of this Parish and more especially of Bayou Teche having been appointed to that effect as per resolution of April 4th. 1887. Said report was read and accepted. The Clerk was directed to transfer said reports to the Official Journals for publication and upon motion of Mr. Duchamp, seconded by Mr. Gillard, voted and carried the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that we have carefully examined the Report made to us this day of the commerce of the Parish by Capt. E. T. King, that we find the report correct.

That the thanks of the Police Jury and of the people of the parish are due to him for the able manner he has discharged we have imposed on him and we hereby extend the same.

That Capt. King be requested to forward the

Report to Major W. H. Heber, Engineer A. S. A. to be forwarded by him to the Chief Engineer Department at Washington City and through them to the Congress of the United States.

Resolved that Major Heber in making his report to the Chief Department at Washington City be respectfully requested to make it as favorable to the improvement of the Teche as represented by the report of Capt. King to this Body.

Resolved further that our senators and Representatives in Congress be also requested to give this matter their early attention and exert themselves in favor of securing the appropriation necessary for the work.

On motion of Mr. Duchamp, seconded by Mr. Patin, put to a vote and carried the Resolution adopted at the Meeting of October 4th 1886, relative to witnesses in Criminal matters be and is hereby repealed.

It being one o'clock in the afternoon a recess was taken until 2 1/4 o'clock p. m.

At 2 1/4 o'clock p. m. the meeting was called to order. There being no regular business to transact, the Police Jury was now constituted as required by law, as a Board of Reviewers and proceeded at once to revise and equalize the lists of assessments for the year 1887. The Assessor was called on to furnish the same and the work was proceeded with until 6 o'clock p. m. at which time the Board adjourned to to-morrow the 6th. inst at 8 1/2 o'clock a. m. having revised the letters A. B. C. of the 5th ward.

A True copy from the Minutes.

Aug Marais, Clerk P. J.

Report of Capt E. T. King made this day in open session of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin, accepted and approved.

Hon. Police Jury, Parish of St. Martin. Gentlemen:—Having been appointed by you to ascertain the commerce of your Parish and especially of the Bayou Teche. I beg leave to submit my report.

To enable me to perform the duty required of me it was necessary for me to visit all portions of your parish. See the people personally and get all the information possible, so that I would not only be able to give you the commerce of 1886 but also that of 1887.

This I have done and given you as reliable a report as was possible for me to make. I have given the names and what each one has made ginned or shipped. Then I have consolidated the whole so that you can see the amount of each commodity and the price I have put on it and judge for yourselves as to its correctness.

I find that the commerce of the Parish for the year 1886, amounts to \$1,859,999.60. The exports to \$909,044.10 and the imports, to \$950,955.50. For the year 1887 I find that the commerce will amount to \$2,685,102.30 judging from percentage of increase in acreage and condition of crop.

All of this commerce is either directly or indirectly interested in the navigation of the Bayou Teche and of its improvement. I can say for the people residing on that portion above St. Martinville to Breux Bridge, Arnaudville and Port Barre that it is a matter of vital importance to them.

They have only two small steamboats running in the trade. I am informed by the owners and captains of the boats, that the steamer Danton makes two trips a week in high water, this year for about two months the balance of the year when there is water enough to get to Breux Bridge one trip per week. When there is not she makes occasional trips as high as she can get up and then has to discharge her cargo and ship in small flat boats. The steamer Alice makes fifteen or twenty trips a year during high water. The steamer Durio makes some four or five trips a year for cotton seed for the Iberia Oil Mill.

The charges for freight is one half of what is charged by the Round Boats to the City of New Orleans, which is 33 1/3 per cent less than the Railroad charges. Notwithstanding this much the greater portion of the freight goes by the Railroad for the want of facilities to ship by the River.

These are the facilities the people have to get their produce to market. Above Breux Bridge to Arnaudville and to Port Barre they have no navigation the greater portion of the year, in consequence of which, they have to haul their produce considerable distances to either Port Barre or Grand Coteau Station on the Morgan Railroad. This too when they have a beautiful Bayou at their very doors, which can be made navigable at their doors at a small expense.

In addition to the commerce I have given, There is I am informed by Messrs. Bergeron and Roger Bros. nineteen cotton gins between Arnaudville and Port Barre also five sugar houses which will swell the commerce of the upper Teche to over \$1,500,000 which was a short crop year and will probably double that this year.

The country is one of the most beautiful in Louisiana. The lands are high and rich, although of alluvial formation, requiring no costly Levees for their protection. They are well adapted to the cultivation of sugar, cotton, rice, corn and tobacco also to fruit and gardening. It is a fine stock country and stock raising could be made very profitable.

This country is already occupied by an industrious and thriving population. If they had proper facilities for getting their produce to market would in a short time increase their commerce five if not ten fold.

In view of the extensive commerce now existing and of its great capacity for development of the necessity of the work and is of great convenience to the people.

Is it too much to ask the Government to make the necessary appropriations or to call on our Senators and Representatives in Congress to exert themselves in favor of this measure.

It will not be very expensive. The bed of the Teche is not much above tide water. One lock at or below St. Martins and another at Arnaudville to hold the water and a little dredging will be all that is required.

E. T. KING.

Products.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
Centrifugal sugar	1,502,627 lbs	5	\$ 75,131.35
Kettle sugar	1,273,500 lbs	4	46,945.00
Centri. molasses	70,850 gal	25	17,712.50
Kettle	59,605 "	35	20,861.75
Cotton	10,585 bal	45.00	480,525.00
Cotton seed	4,118 ton	8.00	32,944.00
Cotton seed oil	2,200 bar	17.00	37,400.00
C. B. cake & meal	1,300 ton	15.00	24,000.00
Lumber shipped	509,000 M	15.00	7,584,000.00
Eggs	215,480 doz	10	2,154,800.00
Mules & Horses			10,025.00
Hides	4,925	1.50	7,387.50
Poultry	4,285 hoz	3.00	12,855.00
Moss	1,300 bal	4.25	5,525.00
Cattle and Stock			2,750.00
Esculents &c			1,750.00
Art. not enumerated or omitted			35,000.00

Total export for 1886 \$909,044.10

Increased acreage per 100	Condition.	Amount.
Centrifugal sugar	65	35
Kettle sugar	65	35
Centri. molasses	65	35
Kettle	65	35
Cotton	20	30
seed	20	30
Cotton seed oil	20	30
C. B. cake & meal	20	30
Lumber shipped		
Eggs		
Mules and Horses	15	20
Hides		
Poultry		
Moss		
Cattle and Stock		
Esculents &c		
Art. not enumerated or omitted		

Total estimate for 1887 \$1,367,990.30

Imports	1886.	1887.
Lumber in logs 2 198 000 M	\$188 640 00	\$188 640 00
Machinery	89 000 00	39 600 00
Stone Coal	15 480 00	15 480 00
Farming Implements etc.	737 235 80	1 094 392 00
Total exports & imports	\$1 859 999 90	\$2 685 102 36

W. H. Lennox, alias Brooks, the murderer of C. Arthur Preller, is to be hanged Aug. 12th. The Supreme court has refused to reverse the decision of the lower court.

Health Marks.

A bright eye, clear skin, glowing features, animated expression, and a quick firm step. These are all secured by using Dr Harter's Iron Tonic,

Felix Voerhies. Dan. Voerhies.
F. Voerhies & Son,
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Found Estray.

One red mule-cow with calf; another red cow, and a bull calf. Owners can have same by proving property and paying costs
 June 25 1 m. EDWARD SILLAN.

NOTICE.

The listing and estimation of the valuation of all real and personal property in the parish of St Martin, being completed in accordance with law. The tax payers of said parish are hereby notified that the said lists of assessments will be exposed in my office at the Court House between the legal hours for inspection and correction for a term of 30 days; beginning on the 14th day of June to the 4th day of July 1887.

E. V. MARTIN, Assessor.