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Local News.

—A good rain fell Tuesday.

—The town council and police jury met Monday last.

—We had almost an ice famine in this place Sunday last.

—The bayou Teche is at present at about its lowest stage.

—Idaho has also been admitted to the union, making the 44th state.

—The roofs of the buildings of the Oil Works are being painted black.

—The President has approved the act giving Alexandria a public building.

—Messrs. Pierre Damare and F. Rousseau went to the city this week on business.

—The weather since the past few days has been very warm, sultry and uncomfortable.

—New Orleans was struck by a violent storm Monday which caused considerable damage to property.

—The Governor voted the lottery bill, but the House passed it over his veto by a vote of 66 against 31.

—Sheriff Gardemal has made his settlement with the state for the quarter ending June 30th, 1899.

—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mouton of this parish had the misfortune to lose a three year old child Saturday last.

—Mr. Frank Moss and his charming wife and Miss Aimee Moss of Lafayette paid our town a visit Sunday last.

—Mrs. Louis Gardemal of Broussardville who was on a visit here to her uncle, B. Audibert, returned home Tuesday.

The Supreme Court was in session in Opelousas this week. Messrs. Edward Simon and C. H. Mouton were in attendance.

—Men and women prematurely gray and whose hair was falling are enthusiastic in praising Hall's Hair Renewer for restoring the color and preventing baldness.

—Mr. W. A. Bienvenu has been commissioned a Notary Public for this parish, he qualified Tuesday and is now ready for business.

—New material for our job department has been received this week, if you want first class printing done, give us a call, we guarantee to satisfy you.

—Mr. J. M. Langlois, nephew of Father Langlois is here spending a month or two with his uncle. Young Langlois is from the Baltimore Seminary where he is studying for the priesthood.

—Our board of trustees have scared the small vegetable vendors out of the town. The license is too high. Why dont they do like Judge Bassett did some years ago and refuse to pay such unjust a tax.

—Mr. J. B. Wilkinson, Jr., one of the editors of the City Item has been appointed general Appraiser at New Orleans at a salary of \$7,000 per year. The choice is a good one and we congratulate our friend on his appointment.

—An excursion will be given on Sunday August 3d., from Franklin to Opelousas, by Morgan Lodge No 317 of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The fare from Cade is \$1.25. Our thanks to Mr. W. E. Bowen for the complimentary ticket.

—Ayer's Pills possess the curative virtues of the best known medicinal plants. These Pills are scientifically prepared, are easy to take, and safe for young and old. They are invaluable for regulating the bowels, and for the relief and cure of stomach troubles.

—We call the attention of our readers in this parish and particularly those residing on the east side of bayou Teche to an article entitled "The Bill to Form the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District" which we publish in another column, it is of great interest to them, and they should give it their careful consideration.

—The people of this community know those who are the true whites and true democrats, they know those who have deserted the democracy and the white ranks and those who have deceived the democratic party, and we know them too and when the proper time comes, unless those men hide themselves, we shall expose them in their true light and color.

—We publish in another column of this issue, "Cotton Worm Prospects," which should be carefully read by every cotton planter. It gives good, reliable and valuable information concerning the worm; how to watch it, how to use the poison, and when to poison the plant. We have also made arrangement to publish "cotton worm bulletins" which we have no doubt will greatly interest the cotton planter.

—The Morgan City Review says: Messrs Pharr & Williams have during the last flood in the swamps got out 40,000 trees. This at low estimation represents the respectable sum of \$100,000 and the trees when brought to the mill, will keep them busy sawing for the next three years. Mr. Williams, accompanied by Capt. Kiefer, left this week to spend a couple of months in the swamps to measure and prepare the trees for the tow.

—At half past twelve o'clock Tuesday evening fire was discovered in a bed in the residence of Mr. Charles Gueniere, the alarmed was sounded and the Hook and Ladder boys whose truck is right next door to Mr. Gueniere's residence were soon there with their truck ready to fight the destructive element, but fortunately the fire was put out without their assistance and without causing other damage than the burning of the bed. The cause of the fire seems a mystery.

—An Alexandria special to the Picayune says: Alexandria is on a boom. About 500 acres of land were bought within a half mile of the lower corporation yesterday for the sum of \$20,000 by New Orleans capitalists. A street car railroad company was organized here yesterday; an electric light and water works company will be organized in a few days, and last, but not least rumor says that a daily paper with a \$20,000 stock company will be started here before Sept. 1 next. Other improvements are spoken of as in the near future.

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The readers of the (Put in name of paper) will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for lists of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

The Bill to Form The Atchafalaya Basin Levee District.

Composed of the parishes of Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and Terrebonne and parts of the parishes of Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Iberia, has just passed the house with four dissenting votes among which was Provost's. In the Senate, Avery alone had voted against it. This is a law fraught with many burdens for our people in the Fausse Pointe country and those on the East side of the Teche, to adopt the Bayou Teche as an arbitrary line, and declares that all lands to the East of the Teche shall pay levee tax, while those on the West shall be exempt from it. As originally drafted the tax proposed.

Sec. 8** The said Board of Commissioners shall levy annually, on all property in said District, a district levee tax of 10 mills on the dollar of its assessed valuation.**

Sec. 9** That said Board shall have authority to levy a local assessment or force contribution of 5 cts. on each and every acre of land within said District.*

Sec. 10*** That the said Board shall have authority to levy a special assessment or forced contribution not to exceed fifty cent per bale of cotton, 50 cts. per 100 lb of sugar 2 1/2 cts. per sack of rice, 20 cts. per bbl. of syrup, 10 cts. per bbl. of molasses and 2 1/2 cts. per bbl. of esculents.*

Immediately upon the favorable report of this bill in the Senate, the parishes of St. Mary and Iberia, sent delegations, to protest against the measure. For some unaccountable reason, the parish of St. Martin, though more deeply interested than either of her sisters on the Teche, was not represented.

After a close study of the subject, on the part of the delegation from Iberia, it was agreed to ask the committee on lands and levees, in whose hands this bill had been placed, to allow us to cut loose entirely from this proposed levee District, and to allow the three Teche parishes to form a levee district of its own; as that section was not alone subject to overflow from the proposed district, but that, if breaks happened in any levee to the North of the proposed district, and even in the State of Arkansas, parts of these three parishes will inevitably go under water. The water finding its way through Black River swamp, Tensas Basin swamp, and Red River into the Atchafalaya and thence into our own Lakes. There are 75 miles along our Lakes from the upper part of St. Martin to the lower part of St. Mary. We are willing to be taxed, but let the tax be utilized in such a way that when we build a levee and it holds against water encroachments, that at least our lands be protected. As it is, if the whole front of what is misnamed the Atchafalaya Levee District stands firm against high water yet breaks in Possum Fork levee or in the Tensas levee and other levees above the proposed District we are bound to be overflowed. Our only protection is by private levees, along the Lakes, then why not be allowed to build our own levees? For reasons best known to themselves, the St. Mary delegation would not entertain the proposition, St. Martin, was absent. The next proposition came from the parish of Iberia, again it was doomed to the same fate. It was to the effect that instead of the Teche being the line of division, between taxable and non-taxable property, that a high water mark be adopted. In 1884, the Tensas Basin Levee District was formed. It provided that where any portion of a sixteenth of a section has been overflowed since 1865, the whole section would be assessed and taxed. In 1885, this section was amended so as to read that the whole sixteenth of such a section should be assessed, but taxes paid only on the portion actually subject to overflow. This was exactly the proposition of the Iberia delegation. St. Mary offered it and defeated. It is nothing but fair and just. It is a well-known fact that lands on the West of Bayou Teche will overflow quickly and even more quickly than some land on the East of it. Particularly is this so in St. Mary, and even in Iberia and St. Martin it often happens.

The only reason assigned for the rejection of this proposition was that the high water line of a given year could not be ascertained. Marer Richardson, of the State Board of Engineers who had been invited to attend the conference stated that it was quite possible to ascertain this fact, still the proposition was defeated, without its ever going to a vote. St. Mary then worked to strike out the produce tax, (section 10.) This was acceded to by the committee, leaving us to pay as levee tax 5 cts. an acre and 10 mills on the assessment, on all lands lying East of the Teche, or about double our present levee tax. As it was done in the Tensas Basin Levee District so should it be done in this District. This arbitrary line should be rubbed out and a more just and equitable line adopted, according as the Constitution provides. Voters of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary should see to it, that their Representatives are correctly informed on this issue before they are elected in 1892.

Member of Committee from Iberia in Iberia Democrat.

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Here it goes:
That the druggan says he is now an orphan and feels sad and lonely.

That Kie was bounced 'sky high' not long ago, and fell not in love, but in despair.

That our typo wants the girls but also five thousand dollars *bout*. That's business more than love?

That hot bread and butter eaten on the bridge makes a splendid lunch. So we learned.

That our young lawyer seems to appreciate very much his business in Breauz Bridge.

That a St. Martinville boy pays frequent visits to Cades station, is he a believer of matrimony?

That Daiso goes town the Teche. Has he quit going up town?

The newspaper dealer's greatest point of attraction is near the Court House. Roses are blooming there.

The young man near the Railroad Avenue seems lonesome since the Opelousas girl is gone.

That no more honey can be had at the drug store, that trade is monopolized.

That the trip to the Island City was greatly enjoyed.

The "town talk" has a cops of reporters and correspondents who will make "town talk" lively hereafter. Mind!

That he says our girls are the prettiest of the state, and he'll bet a nickel on it.

That if a boy wants to please his girl and make her smile, just say lets have a milk-shake.

That the young clerk next door to this office is a masher.

That our young neighbor could not stand the competition and has gone to New Orleans.

That the boys should know when a girl says "Oh, how warm it is" it means that she would take a sherbet.

VENIRE.

Drawn for the September term, 1899, of the Twenty First Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions in and for the Parish of St. Martin.

For the first week commencing Monday September 1st 1899.

	Ward.	Ward.
Albert Patin	2d. Wm. H. Cozine	1st.
John Ecland	3d. Ernest Detiege	1st.
Eugene Thibodeaux	4th. Hilaire Roussillon	5th.
Edward Prado	1st. Francois Chretien	1st.
Joseph Babb	3d. Oscar Hebert	1st.
Louis Greig	1st. Valery Thibodeaux	4th.
Clemire Rochon	1st. Alphonse Lacour	1st.
Robert Irwin	1st. Adol. Thibodeaux	4th.
A. E. Poche	5th. David Gagne	1st.
Aston Patin	4th. Jean Neveu	1st.
C. P. Ashley	2d. Auguste Guizard	1st.
Armond Patin	2d. Ed. Broussard	4th.
H. VanderCruyssen	4th. Fernand Clement	1st.
Maurice Mouton	1st. George Levas	1st.
Julius Resweber	1st. Joseph Pellerin	4th.
Charles Guizard	1st. Eugene Melnecon	5th.
Alex. Davidson	1st. Charles Roberts	5th.
Gilbert Durand	2d. Charles Bienvenu	1st.
Julius J. Mouton	1st. Wm. Dwyer	2d.
Isaac Regis	1st. Ben J. G. Coles	4th.
Felix Anacle	4th. Toussaint Narcisse	3d.
Charles Marais	3d. Vincent Barnes	2d.
Edw. Coles	4th. Numa Cormier	3d.
Edwin Delahoussaye	1st. Ernest Cozine	1st.
Leore Louis	1st. Thomas E. Carlin	2d.

For the second week commencing Monday September 8th 1899

	Ward.	Ward.
Aleix Wiltz	4th. Charles Goetz	1st.
Chas. Potier	3d. F. Z. Power	2d.
Alex. Dellommer	4th. F. M. Thomas	1st.
John Enis	1st. J. A. Hitter	1st.
Ben. Bertrand	1st. Camillien Eaby	5th.
Frank Gallischer	4th. Valery Guidry	2d.
Henry Walter	1st. M. J. Hamilton	4th.
Wm. Ecland	4th. A. Duguetair	5th.
Charles Rees Jr.	4th. St. Cyr Dugas	1st.
Martin Briant	1st. Cyreine Melancon	4th.
Rosombert Dupuis	4th. Oscar Haray	5th.
Carl Larson	2d. A. D. Thibodeaux	4th.
John Leornand	1st. Hervillien David	5th.
Ernest Beslin	1st. Cozine Castille	4th.
Ed. Huval	4th. Denis Champagne	5th.

For the third week commencing Monday September 15th 1899.

	Ward.	Ward.
Loyed Rhenon	2d. Edward Voorhies	3d.
Leonce Pellerin	1st. Darms Castille	4th.
Wm. Ecland	5th. Laurent Ducrost	3d.
Wm. Mills	4th. Hampton Steen	1st.
W. S. Thomas	1st. Jos. Belloney	5th.
Gegeon Palley	5th. Jos. Chont	1st.
C. B. Delahoussaye	1st. Emile Martin	4th.
Gustave Theriot	2d. Albert Martin	4th.
Edm. Richard	4th. Abide Domingue	4th.
Alger Lassalle	1st. Armar Castille	4th.
Harville Bollier	4th. Marcel Patin	4th.
Wm. Bernad	3d. Louis Conley Sr.	1st.
Alex. Wiltz	4th. Sylvestre Anconin	1st.
Honore Bonoiat	1st. Jos. Savvie	3d.
Gustave Fournet	1st. Jos. Thibodeaux	4th.

Witness the Hon. James E. Mouton, Judge of said Court, at St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, La., this 9th day of July A. D. 1899.
Wm. B. EASTIN,
By Clerk of Court.