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#### The Fever Again.

Last Friday the Parish of St. Martin and Town of St. Martinville decided that the period of incubation had passed at Lafayette, and there was no more danger of the fever from the first case which had appeared there on the 12th of August. All were rejoicing because our neighbors were considered free from the fever, and all quarantine raised.

Saturday, however, to our surprise and sorrow, another case of yellow fever was reported from that town, the patient being Charles Martin, a young man.

The parish and town authorities the same evening re-established the quarantine against Lafayette and guards were again placed on duty on the public roads of the parish and the entrances to St. Martinville.

No report has been made of this case as to positively establish its origin, it may be from some infected mosquito which escaped destruction from the fumigation, and which may be at large to spread the fever as long as it will live or until it is killed, and as either its existence or its death is very doubtful, it will live in the mind of the people, this uncertainty, which will be the cause of the people holding quarantine longer than is perhaps necessary, but still, under these conditions of doubt and uncertainty, who can blame uninfected communities in taking every precaution to guard against the introduction of yellow fever within their limits.

The result in Bunkie and Alexandria has been the same, cases of fever have appeared there long after the first cases had died or the patients cured and discharged and the places declared free from fever.

With the mosquito theory the experts can diagnose a case of fever and can tell you when you are cured, but they can never tell you when a community is free from the mosquito infection.

A town infected with yellow fever may not suffer many deaths, but the introduction of the fever in a town is costly, the expenses that are necessary to keep it from spreading is great, the anxiety of some of the most timid people, the alarmists, add to the trouble, and the destruction of the business of the town infected to almost complete.

We should continue our vigilance until the end of this month at least, if we can keep the fever out of here until that time, we will feel safe for this season.

#### Three Jurors Cured

OF CHOLERA MORBUS WITH ONE SMALL BOTTLE OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

Mr. G. W. Fowler of Hightower, Ala., relates an experience he had while serving on a petit jury in a murder case at Edwardsville, county seat of Cleburne county, Alabama. He says: "While there I ate some fresh meat and it gave me cholera morbus in a very severe form. I was never more sick in my life and sent to the drug store for a certain cholera mixture, but the druggist sent me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy instead, saying that he had what I sent for, but that this medicine was so much better he would rather send it to me in the first I was in. I took one dose of it and was better in five minutes. The second dose cured me entirely. Two fellow jurors were afflicted in the same manner and one twenty-five cent bottle cured the three of us." For sale by T. J. Labbe.

#### Our Schools.

We note from the tone of an editorial of the Valley-of-the-Teche last week that there is some tension among the people of that town in regard to the opening of the High School which will be in operation there shortly.

We are really sorry to see the opposition or competition which exist between the public schools and the private ones, and particularly the religious schools. There is no reason for this, there is room, plenty of room for all the schools, but it is wrong for one school to oppose or to compete with the other.

The public schools should not try to get the pupils from the private schools, the idea of a very large attendance does not improve the efficiency of the schools; the public schools should be made as good as it is possible to make them, but the best result is never obtained from an overcrowded school and overtaxed teachers. The public schools, on the contrary should induce all who can to attend the private schools, in redu-

cing the attendance of the public schools the teachers, who are generally limited in number, will be able to give more and better attention to their pupils.

There is room in every community for the religious schools, particularly, and we are of opinion that if the private schools will give less of their attention to the public schools and concentrate their efforts and energies to the improvements of their schools, make them first class in every respect and charge a fair price for tuition they would soon be popular and flourishing institutions, that would be doing good work and the people would soon appreciate the efforts of such schools.

We believe the private schools are wrong in trying to run opposition or competition to free institutions maintained by the state at the expense of the State. Let the poor children who cannot pay for their schools attend the public schools which are doing a noble work in educating the children of the masses, rich or poor, the public schools are here to stay, and they will remain as long as this free government last, and this is for ever.

On the other hands the private schools and particularly the religious schools are also a necessity, and they will also find all the support they need if they only follow the line of progress and maintain a standard of efficiency that is required today of all schools.

If all the schools would work in harmony, help one another in building up instead of running in opposition, they would soon realize that each school would have their usefulness, education would be promoted and the result in general would be more satisfactory for all concerned.

We need the public schools and we need the religious schools and the people can and will always cheerfully support them all, they are useful and needed institutions, and they should mutually assist one another in going up the road of improvement and perfection.

#### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids Nature.

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#### NOTICE.

Having leased the Fournet Ginnery, I will to-day open the market for Cotton in the seed, and will pay the highest prices possible.

Guerinere Broussard.

#### Town Council.

Regular meeting of the Town Council held this 6th day of Sept. 1905.

The Council met this day in regular session, His Honor Mayor Fournet presiding, and a quorum present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Collector and Treasurer submitted to the Council his monthly statement as follows:

Statement Ending Aug. 31, 1905.	
July 31 To Balance	2,224.64
Aug. 31 To Tax collected	10.50
" " Fine collected	38.85
" " Market collected	30.35

#### Disbursements:

" " By Chief Fire dept	19.00
" " General Expense	22.95
" " Paupers ac	7.75
" " Phone services	3.80
" " Grading, Plowing & ditching	188.15
" " Lumber ac	8.55
" " Bridge Keeper	8.00
" " Mayor's Salary	33.33
" " Rent ac	8.00
" " Chief Police	50.00
" " Asst "	35.00
" " Corp. Cart	50.00
" " L. F. Gary as councilmen	27.00
" " Freight and Dray	111.16
" " Repair ac	2.25
" " Sec and Treas	15.39
" " Cleaning Market	7.00
" " Balance	1,730.11
	2,308.44 2,308.44

#### Special Tax to pay Bonds and Interest:

July 31 To Balance	1,212.50
Aug. 31 To Collections	9.75

#### Disbursements:

Aug. 31 By Sec and Treas com	.48
" " By Balance	1,221.52
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On motion duly seconded the statement of the Collector and Treasurer is accepted and approved.

On motion duly seconded the Council adjourned.

G. M. GARY, Sec. & Treas.

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#### Water and Light Statement.

* Statement Ending Aug. 31, 1905.	
July 31 To Balance	225.87
Aug. 31 To Light Revenue	515.27
" " Water Revenue	28.25
" " Water Pumps Revenue	12.00
" " Electric Supplies	11.85
" " Fuel Oil sold	10.00
" " Electric Fan	1.50
" " Work	.25

#### Disbursements:

" " By Telephone services	5.00
" " Freight and Dray	120.51
" " The Sterling Oil Co Ltd	118.88
" " Exchange	.30
" " Brick	.24
" " Interstate Elect. Co	5.65
" " General Expense	.85
" " Repair	8.30
" " Chief Engineer	65.00
" " Asst. "	50.00
" " Fireman	25.00
" " Sec and Treas	15.00
" " Balance	182.21
	804.79-804.79

#### Liabilities as follows:

Interstate Electric Co Ltd	50.10
Waters Puroco Oil Co	25.30
L. C. Duchamp	154.12
	229.52

G. M. GARY, Sec.

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The Attacks Against the Unborn Local School.

Valley-of-the-Teche.

It is impossible for this paper, who is American at heart, with a sense of justice in its make up, to keep from protesting against the wholly unjust attacks that are being made against the—as yet unopened—public school, a national institution just like those existing throughout the Republic. For the reason that the Parish School Board has seen fit to take the public school out of the charge of the nuns of the local convent and put it under a faculty of non-denominational teachers, as is authorized by the laws of the Nation, it appears that certain persons in this town have assumed that the nuns are being purposely injured by those who are in accord with the School Board's action.

It is anybody's privilege to assert her or himself as champion for the nuns and defend them as zealously as they please against their enemies; but, and especially as no one is attacking the sisters, we do not see how it is called for or right to assail the coming public school and the people who favor it and besmirch the honor of the teachers, who do not happen to be members of a Catholic order.

Among the attacks made openly against the public school in question is in effect that it will lack morality and be a breeding place for scandal. Very serious charges those are, indeed; and in view of the fact that the faculty of teachers thus assailed are known in this parish as ladies and gentlemen of Christian faith and irreproachable honor, and to have upheld a high standard of morality in their school and in private life, we deem it, to say the least, un-Christian-like and certainly unwarranted to charge that they will conduct a bad school when they come in Breax Bridge.

That there are a good many people who regret that the school has been taken from the nuns, is true, and their sentiments are respected; but it is not for that reason, and because the faculty will be composed of non-sectarian teachers, that any person is justified in a judgement téméraire against them and hold them guilty before they have shown themselves so. Besides, those parents who deserve the name are generally competent to judge for themselves as to what is or what is not a proper school for their children, and when the time comes they are more likely to use conviction instead of prejudice in determining their course.

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