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Saturday, - - - May 31

Town and Parish News.

—On yesterday all the Public Schools of Town closed.

—Mr. James Brady, of the firm of Miller, Brady & Co., is in New Orleans on business.

—About four-fifths of the lands under cultivation in the Parish of Rapides are at present overflowed.

—Mrs. Robt. P. Hunter, with two of her children, left on Thursday night by steamer, for Baton Rouge.

—The City Council hold a regular monthly meeting on Monday. The Police Jury will also meet on the same day.

—Our young friend John Graham, of Pineville, has been obliged to vacate his residence on account of high water.

—The members of the Hook and Ladder Co. should bear in mind that Monday next is the regular meeting night.

—At last the river opposite our Town has "come to a stand." We hope to be able in our next to note a fall of several inches.

—Mrs. S. M. Lively, mother of Mrs. L. P. Whittington, left on Wednesday night, per steamer Yazoo Valley, for her home in Mississippi.

—Capt. W. K. Johnson, "Our Niu," now of San Antonio, Texas, came down by train Thursday night. He honored us with a call yesterday.

—DIED—At New Hope plantation, on Red River, in this Parish, on May 28th, '84, CORA LUCKETT, wife of James P. Hickman, in the 34th year of her age.

—HARRISON YOUNG, a colored boy well-known to all our citizens, died on Thursday morning last, and received interment at the expense of the Parish.

—ONLY a slight rise in the ditches in the lower portion of Town since our last, and we entertain little or no fear of our Town "going under" from back water.

—THE Texas and Pacific will, we learn indirectly, in a few days change the time table, in order to make connections with the Morgan passenger trains at Cheneyville.

—Two Masses will be celebrated in the Catholic Church to-morrow, at 6:30 and 9:30 o'clock a. m. In the afternoon there will be catechism for the children, and also Vespers.

—On Tuesday, the 27th inst., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore celebrated the fifteenth or crystal anniversary of their marriage. May our friends live to celebrate many more anniversaries.

—The Red River and Coast Line have discontinued their daily departures to Alexandria, and resumed their former schedule of a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday boat to Shreveport.

—Mr. Andy Bosello, now at the Sample Room of "Big Fat Charley," will, we learn, soon leave to take charge of the saloon of Mr. John Mahone, of the Capitol Hotel, Marshall, Texas.

—On Wednesday a yard dog, the property of Mrs. B. O'Shee, being found on the streets in the Fourth Ward without a Corporation collar, was administered a load of shot. Funeral same day.

**TO BE HANGED.**—The Governor has appointed July 11th for the execution of Wilson Sanders, convicted May 16th for the murder of Frank H. Page, in Grant Parish, the execution to take place at Colfax.

—THE banks of "Red Ditch" were filled with men, women and children, on Thursday and yesterday, fishing for perch and catfish. These fish have been driven in Town by back waters from Sandy bayou. These anglers meet with poor success.

—**TO-DAY**, May 31st, is the anniversary of the breaking of the levees in front of our Town in the year 1866. We have come near celebrating the anniversary, but sincerely hope our people will be spared so terrible a calamity as now threatens them.

—MR. M. W. Calvit, City Collector, will advertise in our Tuesday's edition, the list of those property holders who have failed to pay their taxes. After due advertisement the property will be offered for sale to the highest bidder in front of the Mayor's office.

—OUR little boys of Town are having a delightful time every afternoon bathing and swimming in what they are pleased to term the "Morgan Lake," situated in the Staples old pasture. This lake has been filled with water now flowing through the break about ten miles below Town.

**RIVER NEWS.**—For the 24 hours ending yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, the Government Observer here reports a rise in the river of ½ inches; at that hour the Guage reading was 35.25 making it 38 feet 9¾ inches above low water of 1881, 1 foot 2 inches below high water of 1866.

—A MATCH game of Base Ball was played at Cheneyville, on Wednesday afternoon, between the "Nameless" and "Crescents" clubs, which resulted in a victory for the former. The score stood 19 to 8. Stafford and Owen were the battery of the first, and Ware and Irving of the latter club.

—THE following gentlemen will patrol the levees to-night: First Watch, from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.—A. Baer, John C. Goulden, O. Thomasee, R. C. Rogers and M. W. Calvit. Second Watch, from 1 to 5 a. m.—Sosthene Baillio, Henry S. Brown, Leon Dessins, Dan Hiller and Herman Levin.

—AT 1 o'clock on Thursday a small break in the levee opposite the residence of Mr. Mike Paul was noticed, caused by a portion of the bank caving. It was, however, soon stopped by a few hands under the charge of Mr. Jas. S. Davis. This spot cannot be too closely watched, as it is beyond all doubt the most dangerous place in the whole levee.

**NOTICE.**—A Mass Meeting of the Democratic party is hereby called to convene in the Town of Alexandria, La., on Saturday, June 7th, 1884, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the Parish of Rapides in the State Convention to be held in the City of Baton Rouge on June 17th, 1884.

F. SEIP, Vice-Chairman Parish Executive Committee.

—THE Tournament and Ball given by the gentlemen of Colfax and Fairmount, on Friday last, was a most enjoyable affair. Mr. Kemp was the successful knight, crowning Miss L. Brownell; Mr. H. Smith won the saddle. The ball took place at the Court-house, and to excellent music, dancing was kept up until the streaks of dawn reminded all, that the night of pleasure was ended.

—FIVE families were brought up by Wednesday's boat to this place, from the overflowed lands of Black river. They propose to permanently locate here. The heads of the families are J. T. Wilson, J. W. Prewett, B. C. Wilson, A. Freeman and Sam. Wadley. The first named gentleman has been employed by Mr. Julius Levin, and we doubt not the other gentlemen will find work shortly.

—OUR Hebrew friends yesterday celebrated the feast of Shewuos, or Festival of the Weeks, which, according to the Jewish Calendar, is one of the most noted holidays of the Hebrew people. It is called Shewuos (festival of the weeks), and takes place just seven weeks after Passover. This date is claimed as having been the day when Moses delivered from Mount Sinai the ten commandments (Savus Hidiverns) to his people, which is in the book of Exodus. Most of the Jewish merchants in Town suspended business yesterday.

**FOUND DEAD.**—Yesterday morning the body of a white man named Strickland, was found on the public road, about 3 miles from Pineville, with a large bullet hole in the head. The body was discovered by an old colored man who drives one of the lumber wagons that daily come to Town. Not known of Strickland except that he lived near Holloway's Prairie, with a man by the name of Stubbs. Coroner Casson and Sheriff Paul went and held an inquest over the dead man yesterday at noon. It is believed that he committed suicide. A note was found near him but could not be read.

**CARD.**  
ALEXANDRIA, La., }  
May 26, 1884. }

The officers and members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Alexandria, La., take this method of publicly thanking all who so kindly assisted them in preparing for the Grand Mass Meeting of the 20th inst. They especially thank Sheriff Paul and the speakers on the occasion. Ladies and gentlemen, all of you accept our hearty thanks.

Mrs. M. L. SMITH, President.  
Miss MARY HILTON, Secretary.

—COLLECTOR Calvit, prior to the appointment of a committee for the purpose, by authority of the Mayor and Councilmen, solicited a loan from our merchants and citizens to defray the expenses incurred by the rising river. The following amounts were contributed:

- Wm. Leckie ..... \$5 00
- Jacob Geiger ..... 5 00
- Mrs. G. Hustmyre ..... 5 00
- A. Heyman ..... 5 00
- Ferguson & Schnack ..... 3 00
- Rogers and Williams ..... 10 00
- E. J. Sullivan ..... 5 00
- L. B. Baynard ..... 5 00
- Mirea Rosenthal ..... 5 00
- Mrs. Sarah Gehr ..... 3 00
- B. Ehrstein ..... 5 00

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After paying out to the laborers \$39.45 for work on levees, Mr. Calvit turned over the balance, \$16.55, to the City Treasurer, Mr. B. C. Duke.

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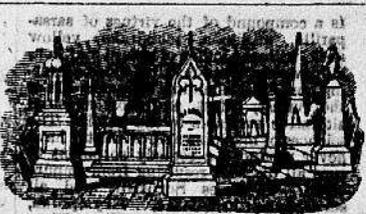
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