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See proceedings of Immigration meeting in another column.

Much reading matter crowded out of this issue for want of space.

The parish court, Judge Kibbe presiding, met and adjourned last Monday.

We understand that cane planting throughout the parish has commenced.

We call attention to the communication of C. A. Mouisset on our French page.

See notice of Probate sale in today's issue to take place on the 16th of March.

Rain commenced falling last Wednesday evening, accompanied by lightning and thunder.

A special meeting of the School Board on Saturday last. See proceedings in another column.

The Police Jury met on Monday last. The proceedings will be found in to-day's issue.

The steamer Fuller, of Pharr's line, arrived at this port on last Tuesday, loaded to the guards with freight of various descriptions.

The steamer Mattie, of Pharr's line, has laid up at Morgan City to repair her boiler. We hope soon to see her resume her trips to this place.

Cannot our energetic town constables have the carcass of that little "dorg", removed; now lying near the residence of Sheriff Shaw? It has been there about ten days.

We would call particular attention to an advertisement in this issue of the MERIDIONAL headed "Caution," and signed by Hon. Robt. M. Lusher, State Superintendent of Public Education.

It is rumored that all public schools of this parish will be closed from March until September, a period of four months.—What a lively time the "young ideas" will have, to be sure!

We have not been informed whether there will be a session of the District Court or not. Should there be it will only meet for the trial of civil cases, as there have been no jury drawn.

By referring to the proceedings of the police jury there will be found an ordinance in regard to fences. We consider it a wise move on the part of our police jury, and is an ordinance long needed in this parish.

Some of our young men met on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a brass band. Such an organization is much needed in this community. Success to you, gentlemen. "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast."

Hunters will do well to bear in mind that the season during which the killing of deer is forbidden by law, began on February 1st. From January 31 to August 1, is the period of prohibition, and the penalty for each infraction is a fine of \$25.

We have received the second number of a new paper published at Baton Rouge styled the Baton Rouge Herald. Col. Sam Bard, a veteran journalist, as its editor. The copy before us is well printed and gotten up in fine style. The subscription price is fixed at the extremely moderate sum of \$2 per annum.

Louisiana can give place to at least four million new comers, all of whom may become rich by industry and strict economy. Untold millions of natural wealth, together with a healthy and lovely climate invite all (who are good citizens at home) to come, who wish to "live long and prosper.—Ex.

We have alluded very often to the negligence of our farmers in raising as much as they could of the Porcine family. The soil of this Parish is admirably adapted to the raising of hogs.

Every farmer can raise the pork needed for home consumption and have some left to spare, for the non-tiller of the soil, which he could afford to sell for 5 cents. We will here show our farmers what can be done in that new industry, in our parish. In 1874 Mr. Adrien Nunez, our actual Representative in our Legislature, and most successful farmer of our parish, marked that year 520 head of pigs; about as many head of cattle, calves, and colts; made 35 hds. of sugar and as much molasses, he shipped to New Orleans 47 head of 2 year-old hogs which he did not need for home use, netting \$860; he took them out of the marsh and drove them on board of the steamboat: No work or trouble at all to raise hogs in this parish. Go in for it farmers and ask Mr. A. Nunez how he works: it would take us too much space in this issue, to explain Mr. A. Nunez' process: we will explain it at some other time.

### Shutting Up Cattle a Blunder.

We have heard that a big scuffle was going on in our Legislative Halls about the shutting-up of the cattle, now roaming and gamboling at liberty in our incommensurate prairies. This we would call the most egregious of the blunders our Legislators are doing every day if they should pass such a bill.

They have enough work on hand now in reforming the human race, without trying to reform or disturb the equanimity of those poor defenceless animals.—They need no reform for the time being, and wished to be left alone and enjoying their freedom, for their progress and the benefit of the poor people of this parish.—We will show next week the folly of the advocates of this bill.

A man in Lowell, Mass., had a house but no wife to take care of it. In a talk with a friend a bargain was made under which he was to pay the friend \$150 for procuring one. The broker introduced him to a New Hampshire girl, a marriage was made, and the man concedes that it was a lucky match for him; but he refused to pay the broker because that gentleman saw fit to talk about the matter. The broker has sued for the money, the lower court has decided against him, and the case will go to the Superior Court of Massachusetts on appeal.

## IMMIGRATION MEETING.

ABBEVILLE, Feb. 2d 1878.

At a meeting held on this day at the courthouse, the following proceedings were had.

The meeting was called to order by W. W. Edwards, Esq.

The committee on constitution and by-laws submitted its report which was ordered to be read, and was then adopted section by section.

On motion of Dr. W. D. White, it was resolved that the whole report of the committee on constitution and by-laws be adopted as read.

The president declared that a few minutes recess would be allowed for the signing of the constitution.

The Vermilion Parish Immigration Association being thus organized, a motion was made and seconded that it proceed at once to the election of its officers.

The following persons were elected to their respective offices: W. W. Edwards, president; Lastie Broussard, vice-president; A. D. Martin secretary and treasurer.

On motion, resolved that the election of an executive committee be postponed.

On motion of Mr. E. Montagne, resolved that a subscription list for the benefit of the association be kept by the treasurer, and that each member be recommended to solicit contributions therefor.

Resolved that the editor of the MERIDIONAL be respectfully requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

There being no further business the association adjourned till next regular meeting, which will take place on the last Saturday of every month.

A. D. MARTIN, Secretary.

### CAUTION.

PARISH BOARDS and all good citizens throughout the State are hereby cautioned against granting favor to one P. I. O'KEEFE, ex-teacher, &c., as the undersigned has been informed by communication from the parishes of St. James, West Feliciana, and Iberville, that said O'KEEFE has forfeited the "good moral character" which he was supposed formerly to have had.

ROBT. M. LUSHER.

State Supt. of Pub. Education. New Orleans, Feb. 1, 1878.

### POLICE JURY.

State of Louisiana,

Parish of Vermilion.

The Police Jury of said State and parish met this day, the 4th of February, A. D., 1878, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hon. Nathan Perry, President, and Messrs. Broussard, Lelen, Hoffpauir and Wise.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Wise on behalf of the Finance reported verbally, that they were unable to effect a settlement with the tax collector and treasurer in consequence of the former being in the city of New Orleans at the time the settlement should have been made with him.

Mr. E. I. Addison, publisher of the MERIDIONAL, being present, proposed to the Jury to do all the parish printing in the same manner as he did last year, such as publishing the proceedings of the police jury, all the necessary blanks for the use of said jury, the jury list of the District Court, and such other matters as may be ordered to be printed or published during one year from the 1st of January, 1878, for the price and sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars—payable quarterly.

It was thereupon  
ART. 1. Resolved, That the proposition of E. I. Addison, publisher of the MERIDIONAL, as above stated, be and the same is hereby accepted by this body.

### An Ordinance Relative to Fences.

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury in and for the Parish of Vermilion, &c.

That hereafter all fences enclosing land for purposes of cultivation shall be made at least four feet high, with not less than four pickets to the panel. The lowest picket to start at a distance of not more than one foot from the level of the ground, and there shall be a ditch twelve inches deep, twelve inches wide, and eighteen inches from the outside of the fence; the space between the bottom picket and the level ground to be filled with dirt.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained,

&c. That the respective owners of any animals of whatever species which may break into a field or fields protected by such a fence shall be held pecuniarily liable to the parties damaged for the amount of damages caused by said breaking, and to a fine of ten dollars for each offence, the same to be collected before any court of competent jurisdiction; the damages to be sued for by the party entitled thereto, and the fine to be sued for in the name of the parish by the District Attorney pro tem.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, &c. That no one whose fence does not come up to the standard above established shall be entitled to damages on account of stock or other animals breaking into their enclosures. And all such persons who shall be guilty of shooting, hurting, or in any ways injuring any animals breaking into their fields, not provided with such a fence, shall pay a fine of twenty dollars, to be collected by the District Attorney pro tem., as above, and shall be liable to the owners of the animals so shot, hurt or injured, for any damages by them sustained thereby.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, &c. That all fines collected under and by virtue of this ordinance shall, after the fees of the District Attorney pro tem. are deducted, be paid one half to the parish treasurer for road purposes and one half to the parish board of school directors for the support of the public schools of this parish.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, &c. That all ordinances or part of ordinances passed heretofore and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Walter A. White, esq., was duly elected as parish and district attorney pro tem. to serve one year from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 31st of December, 1878, and his salary was and is hereby fixed at three hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

ART. 2. Resolved, That the parish tax collector be and he is hereby ordered to make a full and final settlement for all parish taxes and licences by him collected to the 1st of January, 1878, with the finance committee on or before the 20th inst.

ART. 3. Be it further resolved, that in case of the failure of said collector to make said settlement by said date, that the president of the police jury be authorized to institute suit immediately to enforce said settlement.

ART. 4. Resolved, That the parish treasurer be ordered to make a similar statement with the finance committee to the 1st day of January, 1878, for all moneys received by him as such treasurer on or before the 24th inst., and in case of his failure to do so then the provisions of the above Art. 3. shall be also applicable to him.

ART. 5. Resolved, That the finance committee be and they are hereby required to make an estimate or budget of the probable expenses for the year 1878, and make their report to this body at its next meeting.

ART. 6. Resolved, That warrant No. 1796, dated April 4, 1877, in favor of Nicholas Boudreaux, and drawn on the criminal prosecution funds of 1877, be exchanged for one of the same amount to be drawn on the contingent fund of 1877; when there shall be sufficient money in the treasury to the credit of such fund; the said warrant to be drawn in favor of Solomon Wise as transferee.

Mr. Martin Bagly was appointed road overseer for the 1st road district, vice E. W. Huff, excused.

The following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid out of their respective funds:

Collector and assessor's fund for 1878:

Vilmont Breaux, \$92 25

Printer's and stationer's fund for 1877:

E. I. Addison, \$25 00

Isaac Wise, 8 65

Solomon Wise, 52 00

Out of same funds of 1878:

Isaac Wise, \$6 10

Out of the contingent fund of 1877:

Joseph S. Nunez, \$47 00

Leo Perret, 13 00

On motion of Mr. Wise the jury adjourned sine die.

(Signed) N. PERRY,

President Police Jury.

AMBROISE LACOUR,

Clerk Police Jury.

## School Board Proceedings.

A special meeting of the Board was this day held pursuant to a call made by the president, present J. N. Williams, president, B. Paulk, John Lenoire, Daniel Paul, Isaac Wise and Archie Young, absent F. R. King.

Mr. C. H. Remeck presented his credentials as a member of the School Board of this parish.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. G. J. Young presented his resignation as a teacher in second ward, on motion the same was accepted.

Mr. W. W. Edwards presented a claim in favor of P. O. Vanslyke for six dollars being rent for school house in Spring Hill.

On motion the above claim was rejected. The following report from the committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. G. J. Young was then read.

Prairie Greg January. 31 1878 To the Hon. President and members Board School Directions for Vermilion Parish.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned committee appointed by your body to investigate the charges against Mr. G. J. Young in regard to the neglect of his scholastic duties, after careful enquiry from both patrons and pupils find the following charges to be correct:

1st. That he was very irregular in his attendance.

2d. That he vacates the schoolhouse nearly every day during recess, leaving the children to themselves.

3d. That some of the patrons complain that their children are not learning anything.

4th. That he has been carrying a pistol to school; also at times he leaves it on his desk and goes out of the schoolroom, which we consider both dangerous and a poor example to morality.

Respectfully submitted.  
(Signed) R. PICKETT,  
AUSTIN LEE,  
Committee.

On motion the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. G. J. Young, teacher in second ward, report that Mr. Young has not complied with his duties as a teacher, and

Whereas, Mr. Young having failed to comply with the requirements of the law in absenting himself during ten scholastic days without notifying the board, and

Whereas, contracts with teachers require that they should perform their duties in accordance with law, therefore

Be it resolved, that the President and Secretary of this body be authorized to withhold from said G. J. Young, teacher of public school in second ward, his warrants for the months of November and December last.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until Saturday February 16th, 1878.

JAS. N. WILLIAMS,  
President.

ISAAC WISE,  
Secretary.

## JUDICIAL NOTICES.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

Parish of Vermilion.

Parish Court.

No. 585.

Succession of Eugénie Landry. Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the succession of Eugénie Landry, or having any opposition to the application of Lastie Broussard to be appointed administrator of the said succession to file the same in writing in the office of the clerk of Court at the court house in ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of February 1878.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, Clerk.

## Probate Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

Parish of Vermilion.

Parish Court.

No. 585.

Succession of Eugénie Landry. By virtue of an order of sale granted in the matters of the above succession, by the Honorable Parish Court aforesaid, notice is hereby given that there will be offered for sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of the deceased, on

SATURDAY, the 16th DAY

OF MARCH, 1878,

the following described property, belonging to said succession, to wit:

One certain tract of land situated in this parish, on the west side of Coulee Kinney, measuring seven arpents front on said coulee by the depth of eight and three-fourths arpents, more or less, making an area of 61½ superficial arpents, bounded north by lands of the succession, south by same, east by Coulee Kinney, and west by said succession; it being a portion of said tract of land acquired by the late Eufrosie Guidry, snr., from François Guidry.

2. One tract of land also situated in this parish, having a front of one arpent by a depth of twenty arpents, running from the rear line of one arpent of land owned by François Conner, which arpent of Conner is fronting on the west side of bayou Vermilion, running back the half of the original tract, or twenty arpents; bounded north by François Conner, south by the tract above described of the succession, east by the rear line of said arpent of Conner, and west by the succession, reserving from said arpent front by twenty deep, a tract of half an arpent front bp ten deep, running from the rear line of said arpent of Conner to Coulee Kinney, sold to F. L. Wall on the 5th day of January, 1878, as per act on file in the Recorder's office, leaving a tract of about fifteen superficial arpents.

3. Another tract of land situated on the west side of the bayou Vermilion, measuring half an arpent front by thirty arpents deep, more or less, running from said bayou back to Coulee Kinney, bounded north by F. L. Wall, south by Mrs. J. B. Theall, east by said bayou and west by said coulee.

4. One tract of land situated on the east side of Coulee Kinney, running from the rear line of F. L. Wall back to Coulee Kinney, having a front of three arpents on said line of Wall by the depth to Coulee Kinney, being about ten arpents, more or less, bounded north by the succession, south by Mrs. J. B. Theall, east by the line of said Wall and west by said coulee.

5. One certain tract of land situated on the west side of Coulee Kinney, having a front of fourteen acres by the depth of the claim of Charles Hanks in section 65, township 12, south range 3 east, bounded north by Ernest Montagne, south by Edward Bardon, east bp the property of the succession and François Conner, François Marceaux, Oncime Gaspar and others, and west by Nicholson, containing about three hundred and twenty superficial acres, more or less, it being the same acquired by the late Eufrosie Guidry, snr., at the sale of the property of the succession of Chas. Hanks.

One dwelling house, corn crib and kitchen.

One lot of garden pickets,

586 pannels of fencing.

One lot of horses, mares and colts.

One lot of horned cattle,

One branding iron,

One lot of household and kitchen furniture.

One lot of plows, harrows, &c.,

And a lot of sundries.

CONDITIONS.

All the movable property to be sold for CASH on the day of sale, and the immovable to be sold for one-third of the purchase price to be paid cash on the day of sale, and the balance on a credit of one, two and three years from the day of sale; purchasers on credit to furnish their notes with two good and solvent sureties in solido, to the satisfaction of the administrator, with eight (8) per cent. per annum interest from maturity until paid, and the land to be and remain specially mortgaged and hypothecated in favor of said succession, with vendor's privilege reserved, and with the further condition and stipulation that the purchaser or purchasers shall not sell, alienate or encumber said lands to the prejudice of the succession until full and final payment of the principal, interests and costs, if any.

Given under my official signature this 9th day of February, 1878.

G. B. SHAW,

Sheriff.

F. R. KING,

AVOCAT.

Abbeville, Louisiane.

R. C. SMEDES,

Attorney at Law and Notary Public.

Abbeville, Louisiane.