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Reflections of an Old Timer.

Abbeville, La., Dec. 22, 1902.
Editor MERIDIONAL:

As the old year is rapidly drawing
to a close, I am prone to indulge in
reveries of the past. It is difficult to
realize the enormous progress Abbe-
ville and Vermilion parish have made
in the past thirty-five years. It is
simply marvelous. There has been
no boom, no noise or fuss, but a
steady, solid growth.

Change is written on the face of
everything. It would be too painful
to retrace the past to the very be-
ginning of Abbeville, or even a later
period since the close of the war, so I
shall turn back a little more than
twenty-five years, and note the
changes that have occurred since
1875-'76.

At that time Abbeville was a
straggling little village of about 300
souls. It started on the bayou near
where Mrs. D. W. White's residence
now lies, ran east six squares to East
street, then south three squares and
thence west to the bayou and along
that stream to starting point. There
were three streets in town on which
all the business was done and most of
the population resided—Main, Port
and Concord. Of this old town of
some twenty-five years ago, there is
very little left. The Court House
and jail are gone; the big, old
rambling barn-like structure used as a
Catholic Church is gone; Sol Wise's
big old wooden store is gone; the old
wooden bayou bridge is gone; the old
livery stables on Concord street are
gone; "Freetown"—as old Ourblin's
nigger shacks on State st. were called
—is gone, and most of the people who
made up Abbeville of that day are
also gone.

To be strictly accurate, I do not
believe that there is today a mer-
chant, professional man or mechanic
in active business who was here at
that time. There were the mer-
chants, Solomon Wise, P. D. Dupuy,
Cesaire Derouen, A. D. Laborde,
Lafleur, Ourblin, Kane, all dead ex-
cept Mr. Wise. There were the
saloon keepers, A. W. Badon, David
Frank, Voorhies Trahan, Fidele
Lombard, all gone. There were the
lawyers, F. R. King, William Moun-
ton, R. P. O'Bryan, R. F. Hous-
ton, W. W. Edwards, all dead but
the latter. The doctors at that time
were, F. D. Young, W. D. White
and Pierre Abadie, all dead. Solo-
mon Wise no longer bothers with
business cares, but enjoys the quiet
and ease of a well spent life. Judge
Edwards has forsaken the law and
now finds amusement in watching the
movements of the stars and studying
higher mathematics.

The large mercantile establishment
of Eh Wise & Company stands on the
site of the large two story wooden
store founded by Solomon Wise, and
that firm is the link that binds the
past with the present!

In these days of yore, Boniface
Bigat was the village shoe maker.
His little shop stood on Peace street,
near where the First National Bank
now stands, and he fashioned the
high heeled gaiters with the high in-
step which were the delight of the
Creole beaux. Boniface is here, but
he long since abandoned the hammer
and last for the hoe and the rake and
raises fine vegetables. There are
only four business places standing to-
day in Abbeville which are being
conducted as they were twenty-five
years ago. They are the Veranda or
brick hotel, "Pays" baker shop,

Badon's saloon, now occupied by J.
O. Lege (and this for several years
during the interval was used as a
store,) and the other is the small law
office opposite the north west corner
of the Court House square, belonging
to Lastie Broussard and now occu-
pied by John Nugier, Jr. It has
been occupied as a law office for
thirty years. Isaac Wise's drug
store then stood on the west side of
Main street. It was hauled over on
the west side of the bayou and en-
larged and is now occupied by C. W.
Kibbe. Dr. Raphael Segrera, who
was the druggist is alive, but lives as
he has for a number of years on
Cheniere au Tigre.

Good old Father Mehault, the
parish priest at that time—is also
alive, but resides in France. Post-
master Joseph T. Labit is still holding
down his job with a good firm grip,
but he has had eight year's of vaca-
tion during Grover's reign. Theo-
phile Dutel, the old veteran, is here
but he long since laid aside the paint
pot and brush. The old time black-
smiths, Louis Bize, Henri Legueneq,
Gastal, are all dead, and Henri
Liberat has moved to the country.

So it will be seen that the Abbe-
ville of today is a new town. It may
be pleasing, Mr Editor, to reflect that
among the wreck of matter and
crash of worlds, the old MERIDIO-
NAL still lives.

Tout a vous,
OLD TIMER.

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Henry Happenings.

Well, Mr. Editor, it has been some
time since Napoleon has appeared in
your columns telling about the Henry
happenings.

We had a change in the weather
last Monday morning, when your
correspondent got quite a "ducking"
in that change going to town, but at
this writing the weather is cool and
fine.

Joe Lee was in Henry on his way
to town.

Adolph Bartels is in Henry, look-
ing after his girl.

The cane in this section is all
pretty well cut and hauled to the
mills.

Judge Trahan is hauling some cane
to the "Shoo Fly" mill to make his
syrup.

Jules Thibodeaux passed through
Henry this day with two loads of cot-
ton going to the gin.

Willie Henry has just got back
from a trip to Crowley. We think he
has a girl over there. What success
he had we cannot tell, but he thinks
of going to California.

A wedding predicted in Henry.
Look out, boys! some one is going to
get the girl.

Napoleon had the pleasure of read-
ing one of Miss Estherite's nice let-
ters. We always love to pursue
those lovely lines of Miss Estherite,
and Napoleon expects to lay aside
his mask in the future and show his
true colors. Napoleon has happiness
in pursuit, but would have more
happiness in possession, especially in
the possession of a sweet little girl
he knows. Napoleon loves ri-
vals.

Link Root from Perry, was in
Henry last week.

Cesaire Myers was in Henry re-
cently.

James Choate from Cheniere au
Tigre, passed through Henry this
morning.

Christmas is drawing near, and
boys now is the time to look out and
marry some sweet girl and begin the
new year.

NAPOLÉON.

P. S.—The above interesting letter
from friend Napoleon was intended
for publication in our last week's is-
sue and was received in ample time,
but unfortunately was crowded out
owing to lack of space. We trust
that Napoleon and our correspon-
dents at Perry, Esther, Gueydan,
Erath, Kaplan and Indian Bayou
will continue sending in their very
interesting letters, giving the happen-
ings of their respective localities.
They are highly appreciated, not on-
ly to ourselves, but to hundreds of
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sage to Congress had one good fea-
ture—it was not a long document.
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ment of the trust problem. Recipro-
city with Cuba was strongly advo-
cated. No removal of the tariff on
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