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Local and Parish News.

Glorious weather. A whole week and no rain. The assessor is in the dark. Fishing parties are all the go now. The farmers are chopping out their corn.

The finest line of summer underwear at White's.

Our friend Shields goes fishing out on the lake.

The Aeneas Brick Co., are building another kiln.

The boys are bringing in long strings of fish.

Another outlet right across the river from us.

The town election is not exciting much enthusiasm.

Magnificent sunshine weather, and just the kind for crops.

Phil McGuire is agent for the Anheuser Busch keg beer.

The pretty line of ladies shoes at White's, are going very fast.

Very little freight is being received at the city front landing.

The levees continue in excellent condition along the front.

What is the matter with Capt. Whittington? He's all right.

There is some talk of bringing out our friend Johnson for Alderman.

The water is falling slowly. Much better than a rise at the same rate.

The jail after being empty for nearly two months, has now two boarders.

We are now getting a mail down from Greenville, via Arkansas City.

The bass and trout are now striking at the spinner. Now is the time to go out.

Father Mahe has gone down to the overflowed country to see about his friends.

The merchants had smiles on their faces last Saturday, who say business was good.

The citizens of East Carroll can show what they can do in fighting high water.

The farmers want rain but say that they would rather do without it right about now.

Mr. Williams, reporter for the great Times-Democrat, was a visitor to our town this week.

Even a slight decline in the river, it matters not how little, takes some pressure off the levees.

Cheas Cary, a colored man, raised in our town, died at the hospital in Vicksburg last week.

Our friend Dave Gilmour seems to have no opposition for the clerkship of the town. He is lucky.

If the water will only go down in time, our neighbors can make a full crop of both cotton and corn.

Quite a crowd went over the river on Wednesday to see the break as soon as the news reached Providence.

The school boys are now practicing base ball every evening. There are some good ball tossers among them.

There is no man on the river more popular than Alex Herro, the doctor on board of the steamer Annie Laurie.

Business was very good in town on Saturday last, caused by the labor being paid off for working on the levee.

The upper rivers are all falling, which gives renewed hope and courage. A few more days and our parish will be safe.

Fully 100,000 sacks and 350,000 feet of lumber have been used on the levees in East Carroll parish in the past five weeks.

The two receiving and forwarding firms use the government barge for receiving freight. Each firm uses an end of the barge.

The high water is absorbing the town election. As soon as the water commences to recede, then election talk will commence.

Messrs. C. D. Benton & Co., of Bunch's Bend, have a few hundred bushels of cow peas for sale. See their notice in another column.

Major L. K. Barber was in from the Bend on Monday and reports cotton and corn up. We were glad to learn that his health is much improved.

Sam McNeal has moved his grocery store from Levee street, next to J. W. Pittman's on Lake street. Sam has a pretty stand and keeps fresh groceries.

A glorious thing to think that our parish has escaped the breaking of a levee. We have seen the terrible effects of overflows and the ruin that they bring.

Some of the boys say the reason our friend Dunn couldn't see the deer in the jail enclosure was that he had been down to the barge and looked at the river water.

The operation performed by Doctors Artaud and Bernard on Fred, the son of Hon. C. R. Egely, on Monday, was successful. The little fellow stood it like a man, and we hope to see him out soon entirely recovered.

Mr. Clifton Davis left last Friday on the City of Savannah to go in the employment of the government under Mr. Brown. No more capable person than Mr. Davis could be found, and he is known to be a fine accountant.

GOOD TRAIN SERVICE.

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There is no need for anyone to send off for clothes when they can be purchased right here in town. Max Levy carries a pretty line. If you can't find what you want in stock, Mr. Levy has samples to select from and will send off and have the suit made for you by a first class tailor.

It is with sincere regret that the many friends of Mr. Robt. Nicholson learn that the water from the Madison crevasse has covered one or two of his places. It is to be hoped that the other plantations that he is running will escape, and that he will make a large harvest.

The river commenced to fall at Providence forty-eight hours after the levee broke at Biggs in Madison parish, which shows conclusively that the water was backed up between this point and the mouth of the Yazoo river, and as soon as the break occurred it commenced to flow, which gave us the fall.

It is said that the water from the Biggs crevasse in Madison parish, is taking somewhat of a different direction than was thought. It has covered Tallulah and is up above Omega and spreading fast. There is no doubt but that the water will back up into our parish and that several places along the line of Madison may go under.

Arkansas was first to suffer from the effects of twenty some odd breaks, then Mississippi, and now comes Louisiana with two on the Mississippi river front and several on Bayou Lafourche, which will inundate a part of the fine sugar country of our State. It is only a question of how many more that will take place and at what point.

Mr. H. B. Thompson came up Monday morning on one of the government steamers and inspected the levees along the front above town. He told us that he thought that they were perfectly safe, but that a great many times the levees go where they are thought to be the strongest. He left Tuesday morning for down the river.

We were glad to see that our worthy postmaster accepted the suggestion made by us last week in keeping the mail back as long as possible during the time that it is handled by the boats. Mr. Taylor will close the up mail at 7:30 p. m. and the down mail at 8 p. m., which will be a great convenience to the business men of our town.

The water now flowing down Bayou Macon from the break at the head of the levee system, has filled that stream, and now that it has met the water from the break in Madison there is no doubt but that it will fill up Swan lake and the many bayous and low places in the swamps and flow into the lake from Baxter; but we hardly believe that it will inundate any cultivated land from this source in our parish.

All those interested in our public school should read the report furnished us by Prof. Dudley. A public examination will be held on the 13th and 14th of May and it is the duty of parents to attend and see what progress their children have made during the past term. Isham, the bright son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Beard, will be the first graduate under the course of study adopted by the Board of Education.

Our Madison friends, and those in the other parishes, have the sincere sympathy of our parish. They worked hard, and they can truthfully say that it was not their fault that the water is over their lands. Their crops were destroyed and their plantations almost ruined, but they will never give up and will go to work again with renewed energy, and soon forget the terrible destruction. They have done it before and will do it again.

We understand there is a petition being circulated to ask a reduction in the Mayor's, Secretary's and Treasurer's salaries, which we hope will not receive many signers. If there was a great reduction asked and the amount would effect any one person it would be a different thing, but what is it to the individual tax payer? It is simply nothing! It is generally those who get up these kind of petitions who would not work for a small salary and generally are the kind who grab all in sight, and expect public officers to work for almost nothing.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is a report of the Providence Graded School for the month ending April 16th, 1897:

Primary Department.—Number on roll, 23; average daily attendance, 21; number neither absent nor tardy, 7: Rosie Fousse, Annie May McKee, Turner Bass, James Healey, Mertie Levy, Vail Montgomery and Theodore Whittington.

Second Intermediate Department.—Number on roll, 22; average daily attendance, 19; number neither absent nor tardy, 10: Irene Millikin, Roberta Bernard, Nettie Fousse, Julia Murphy, Lula Lester, Essie Whittington, Henry Goodrich, Joe Montgomery, Wiley Wood and Lonie Levy.

First Intermediate Department.—Number on roll, 23; average daily attendance, 20; number neither absent nor tardy, 11: Isaac Bass, Eddie Hamley, Conery Parly, Tom Montgomery, Louney McKee, Julia May Barney, Mary Blount, Katie Davis, Mina Franklin, Carrie Fousse and Sammie Lewis.

High School Department.—Number on roll, 21; average daily attendance, 19; number neither absent nor tardy, 7: Bloss Ashbridge, Isham Beard, Martin Hamley, Elodie Brown, Pearl Barney, Alice Fousse and Isabel Montgomery. Total number neither absent nor tardy, 35.

The school will close this year on the 14th day of May. A public examination will be held on the 13th and 14th in all the departments, and the parents are invited to attend. We think it would be encouraging to the pupils and gratifying to the teachers to have you call once before the school closes and see our work and methods. This term completes the third year's work under the course of study adopted by the Board of Education, which course provides for eight grades—including all the common branches—and a high school grade of three years' work. The branches included in the high school grade are as follows: Higher Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, Higher Algebra—through Quadratics, Plane Geometry, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, Physiology, General History, Civil Government or Botany, Rhetoric, American Literature, beginning of Latin—Caesar and Cicero.

The pupil who completes the above named branches will be awarded a diploma.

Our Superintendent has done much to put the school on an equality with other high schools; the Board of Education has adopted the course of study, also rules and regulations for the carrying into effect the work laid out by the Superintendent and Principal. The assistant teachers have done all in their power to bring the school to a high standard of excellence; and we feel too, that we have had the support and co-operation of the patrons.

We hope to see many of the parents out to our examination and to hear the final essay delivered by our first high school graduate.

Respectfully, B. F. DUDLEY, Prin.

Mayor Hamley's butcher shop was broken into on Saturday night last and the cash draw robbed of about \$25.00. Willie Boice, who runs the business, discovered on Sunday that the place had been entered during the night by the back door being prized open, and immediately informed Mr. Hamley. No clew could be gotten until Mr. Hugh McGuire named Bud Love, colored, as the one whom he suspected, and he was immediately arrested and placed in jail. He denied knowing anything about the robbery and was as "innocent as a lamb."

Sheriff Dunn and Mr. Hamley went to his room to make a search, and were only a few moments in finding the money, tied up in a handkerchief in an old umbrella thrown behind the door, and the money found tallied with the amount stolen. Love still denies his guilt, but as he is known to be sickly and is very seldom able to work, there is no doubt but that he committed the robbery.

This is the first time that a place of business in our town has been broken into for years, and the prompt arrest of the guilty person who committed this robbery will have a tendency to prevent others. It was a pretty good piece of detective work.

Mrs. Martha Hamilton left on Saturday evening for New Haven, Mo., where she intends making her home. Mrs. Hamilton has passed through a great many sorrows since her residence among us, some twelve or fifteen years. Her companion for years passed away since her residence here, then her noble son Jason, who was highly respected and popular, then her other three sons, Columbus, Alvin and John, and three daughters-in-law, who are all at rest in our beautiful home of the dead on the banks of Lake Providence. May her remaining years, in her old age, be spent in happiness, and believing in Him, who does all things for the best.

Mr. Jas. Naff, who has been with Judge W. G. Wylie for the past twenty years as his stock man, and who owns the Lickskillet place in the swamp, had the misfortune to lose the dwelling by fire on Sunday last. It was one of the before the war houses and somewhat finer than those erected on plantations to-day. The house was occupied by a colored family who rent the place, and were at church when the fire happened and cannot account for it. The colored family lost everything they possessed, including a barrel of pork, barrel of flour and a barrel of meal, and are now left without anything.

Mr. Naff has ordered lumber and will erect another house immediately.

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Services at Grace Church to-morrow will largely embrace the service as it was on Easter day.

The water from the Madison parish crevasse is taking a different course from what the engineers thought. This is only another time that they have been mistaken.

Services at the Methodist Church to-morrow (the 25th) although not the date of the regular appointment, as the pastor has been detained from other appointments by high water.

We learn that sparge water is now doing a great deal of damage to the plantations along the front of the levees, and that the cotton and corn do not look any ways encouraging.

The river reports continue better, and the last one received showed a fall at every point north of Providence. If it can only continue, there is a good chance yet for the overflowed sections to make a crop.

Grand musical programmes were rendered at the Episcopal and Catholic Churches on Easter Sunday. The churches were beautifully decorated and the sermons were in keeping with the day.

The steamer Carroll returned on Monday from the Illawarra and Salem levees, and says that the work of saving that part of our levee system was carried on day and night without any rest to anyone.

Mr. Eugene Platt, the all around man of Vicksburg, is an accommodating gentleman and has been a great help to the people living along the river in sending dispatches and answering telegrams.

The Annie Laurie on her trip up Tuesday, had a cabin full of passengers out from Vicksburg to see the big river and the crevasse near Greenville. The river at its present stage is a sight worth seeing.

The city ticket office of the Y. & M. V. R. R., is located in the Joe Fox book store, Washington street, Vicksburg. Mr. W. D. Brent is a popular gentleman, who will take pleasure in giving all the information desired. Call on him when you expect to travel.

A BICYCLE TOUR

Three gentlemen for a European tour purchased new hundred dollar bicycles. One a Columbia—the others of well-known high-grade manufacture. They had an agreeable trip—particularly the Columbia rider. Before returning to America, it being late in the year—and wishing to buy new machines in 1897—they sold their wheels to a London dealer. The Columbia bicycle brought \$65.00. The others \$40.00 and \$35.00 respectively. As one of the many proofs of Columbia superiority. If you look a year ahead there is wise economy in

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