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LITTLE FOLKS AND LITTLE CHICKENS.
[From Our Home Journal.]
Dear little chickens,
All searching for food;
Then off to the mother,
Who calls for her brood.
Dear tiny heads,
From her wing peeping out,
Wandering what all
The comestion's about.
Ah, had Mr. Fox,
There's no dinner to day;
Not one little chicken
Has wandered away.
Safe under her feathers
So soft and so warm,
Hen-mother will nurse them,
And keep them from harm.
In these tender chickens
A pattern you'll see
Of what little children
Like you, dears, should be.
Obeying your mother,
Running quick at her call,
Is the safe and sure way,
Little folks for you all.

THE MISSISSIPPI LEVEES.
Memorial to be Presented to Congress.
Subjoined is a copy of a memorial addressed to Congress. It will be sent for signatures to every town and landing on the Mississippi river and tributaries between Cape Girardeau, Mo., and the Gulf of Mexico, and no doubt will be very extensively signed:
(CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,)
Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1877.)
To—
Dear Sir—The undersigned committee, appointed by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce to memorialize the Congress of the United States upon the subject of speedy action on the part of the general government looking to the reclamation from annual overflow of the immense bodies of valuable agricultural land bordering the Mississippi river and tributaries, by the adoption of such system of levees, cut-offs and outlets as may be deemed advisable by the government, beg respectfully to hand you the inclosed memorial, and ask for its earnest consideration. It is proposed to bring the matter before Congress at an early day of the approaching session, and, with the view of strengthening the hands of our immediate representatives, it is desirable that they shall carry with them to Washington an unmistakable expression of popular sentiment on this most important subject, from the people of every town and city interested. To this end, the accompanying memorial will be extensively circulated, and we would suggest that you cause a public meeting of your citizens to be held, and the official action thereof indorsed thereon, or cause a separate memorial to be prepared, covering similar ground. Where public meetings are impracticable, we recommend that the inclosed memorial be signed as extensively as possible. Believing that

favorable action on the part of Congress may be reasonably expected if our Representatives are prepared to press the subject vigorously at the opening of the session, we earnestly urge upon you the importance of early action, and the return of the memorial to the undersigned chairman, at a date not later than October 12, 1877.
Very respectfully,
THOS. H. ALLEN, Chairman;
JACOB THOMPSON,
JEROME HILL,
J. C. NEELY,
H. G. SMITH,
W. B. GALERREATH,
JAS. S. RICHARDSON,
Committee Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

To the Honorable Congress of the United States:
The undersigned desire to respectfully represent to your honorable body the importance of reclaiming from overflow the alluvial lands of the Mississippi river and tributary streams, and to urge such speedy congressional action as will be necessary to accomplish that object within the shortest period possible. We are fully persuaded that if our Senators and Representatives in Congress were correctly advised of the vast importance of protecting these fertile lands from annual inundation, and the great benefit that would follow, not only to that immediate region, but to the entire country, they would promptly enact such legislation as would insure an early completion of the work.
There is no public enterprise which the Government could aid with so much justice and propriety as this one; nor is there one that could be undertaken at so small an expense, from which such immense profit to the agricultural and commercial interests of the whole country would result. It is in no sense a local enterprise, for the benefit of either a corporation or small community of private individuals, but its scope and extent embraces interest and covers an extent of territory of sufficient magnitude to make it eminently national in its character. This will be more apparent when the following facts are even briefly examined and considered: The region of country subject to overflow lies in the States of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, and embraces within its area about 24,800,000 acres of the richest and most productive corn, cotton, rice and sugar lands in the world. If these lands were protected from the flood of water which annually flows over them, they would be quickly put in cultivation, and by a very moderate computation it may be safely estimated that in less than five years the production of our three great agricultural staples, cotton, rice and sugar, would be increased more than fifty per cent. Cotton is the commodity which more than all others contributes to our commercial prosperity and gives us a substantial basis of wealth not possessed by any other country or people. The high lands of the Southern States, upon which a large portion of the cotton crop has heretofore been grown, is becoming so much exhausted that in a few years their cultivation in cotton will have to be abandoned, and the decrease in this valuable and important product will be materially felt upon the finances of the country. Our exportation of all articles now amounts to about \$640,000,000 in value; by reclaiming the alluvial lands of the Mississippi delta from overflow the exportation of cotton, sugar and rice alone could easily be made to exceed this entire sum.
The action by Congress, here sought to be had, reclaims from a wilderness and makes fit for cultivation an empire of agricultural wealth, which, when developed, will increase the material resources of the country millions of dollars. The work is of such a character that it is impossible for it to be accomplished by the efforts and resources of individuals, but must be done under authority and with the means of the general government. We therefore respectfully ask that your honorable body adopt such legislation at your next session as will give safety and protection to those districts of country that are subject to annual overflow.

been frequently applied to for his opinion as to whether the Treasurer of the late School Board had, under then existing laws, the right to receive Jury Warrants to an amount of \$361.68 from the Tax-Collector in payment for money due the School Board in the collection of Parish Taxes.
And whereas, said Parish Attorney has failed to give his opinion upon the above subject matter, and the Board deem it no longer wise to await said opinion:
Be it therefore resolved, that H. Feitel, our present Treasurer, is hereby empowered and authorized to claim and receive said Jury Warrants from the late Treasurer, and that the Police Jury of the Parish of St. James, be earnestly requested to pass a resolution for the payment by preference of said Jury Warrants out of any money in the hands of the Parish Treasurer, to the credit of the sinking fund established for the payment of past indebtedness.
On motion of Dr. Gaudet, it was resolved that the Parish of St. James be divided into two wards or School Districts, one on each bank of the river, and that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be apportioned in said Districts as now established according to the number of children between the ages of 6 and 21 years, in each; that the Secretary be requested to notify the Treasurer of the present resolution and that all other resolutions conflicting therewith are hereby repealed.
Be it resolved, that R. F. Choppin Esq., President of the Committee appointed by the Citizens of the 6th Ward, to obtain subscriptions for the benefit of the Public Schools of this Parish, through the means of a fair, be requested to use, as early as possible the funds derived from the fair held at J. Billon's on June 30th, and July 1st, for the benefit of said Schools, as the same will be of great assistance to the School Board of this Parish.
On motion of A. W. Thompson, it was resolved, that the payment of all warrants outstanding against the old Board of School Directors of this Parish be deferred until the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Books of the ex-Treasurer.
On motion of Dr. Gaudet, it was resolved that all Schools having an average daily attendance of over sixty scholars be furnished with an Assistant Teacher and that the salary of said Teachers be and the same is hereby fixed at Twenty Dollars per month each.
Dr. O. Gaudet in the chair.
On motion of Mr. J. Gentil it was resolved, that the salary of principal Teachers throughout the Parish of St. James be fixed as follows, to-wit:
For all Schools having 20 pupils enrolled the Teacher shall receive the sum of \$30 per month; For all Schools having 30 pupils enrolled, the Teacher shall receive \$35 per month; and for all Schools having 40 pupils enrolled, the Teacher shall receive \$40 per month. That this resolution shall take effect from the 1st day of October next and all other resolutions in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.
Whereas, by Section 31 of Act No. 23 of 1877, it is made the duty of Parish Board of School Directors, respectively, to establish one School or more in each ward of the Parish, and whereas the Citizens of the 3rd ward have claimed the right of having one School established in their ward to which right they are justly entitled under the above section of the law,
Be it therefore resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to take immediate steps towards establishing an additional School in the 3rd ward of the Parish of St. James.
The report of the auxiliary Committee of the 7th Ward was read and on motion ordered to be spread upon the minutes.
St. James, Aug. 25th, 1877.
To the President and Members of the Board of School Directors: Gentlemen—We the undersigned Ward Committee appointed by your Honorable body beg leave to submit the following our quarterly report:
1st.—We have personally and carefully visited both Schools and find that they are properly and orderly kept.
2nd.—To the great disadvantage of scholars and teachers there is no uniformity in the text of books.
3rd.—Enclosed two lists signed by teachers claiming the necessary books which are of the utmost importance for the progress and success of said Schools.
4th.—There are useful reparations needed in both Schools which may be made with little expense.
5th.—We also submit to your consideration the following number of pupils attending school and the daily average.
SCHOOL No. 13.
Whole number of boys.....12
" " " girls.....5
Total boys and girls.....17
Average daily attendance, boys.....10
" " " girls.....4
Total average boys and girls.....15

OFFICIAL.
Proceedings
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.
PARISH OF ST. JAMES, LA.,
September 15th, 1877.
The Members of the School Board met this day at the Court House of this Parish pursuant to a call of the President.
Members present:—J. Gentil, President; Dr. O. Gaudet, A. W. Thompson, John Dickerson, Telesphore Dugas and J. L. Gaudet.
Absent:—J. N. Thibodeaux, P. Numa Martin and D. T. Bourgeois.
On motion of A. W. Thompson the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.
Whereas, J. R. Winchester Esq., Parish Attorney, and by law, the legal Counsellor of this Board, has

SCHOOL No. 14.
Whole number of boys.....38
" " " girls.....15
Total boys and girls.....53
Average daily attendance, boys.....25
" " " girls.....9
Total average boys and girls.....34
Respectfully submitted,
A. F. KROLL,
F. WAGUESPACK,
JACK ELLIS.

On motion of J. L. Gaudet, it was resolved that the sum of Fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasurer's hands, for the payment of the expenses incurred for publishing the proceedings of this Board during the year 1877, said sum to be paid in two instalments, one on the 15th of September and the other on the 15th of December of the present year.
The following accounts were presented and approved, and the President and Secretary ordered to issue warrants for their payment:
Account of C. A. Barnes for furniture to Buena Vista School and repairing the benches of said School.....\$17.55
Account of H. L. Tardent for 1 bucket, 1 broom and one tin cup for S. Cook's School..... 70
Account of Henry Feitel for 1 ledger for the School Treasurer's office and freight upon the same..... 4.75
The President being now in the chair announced the following as members of the Committee appointed to establish a school in the 3rd ward.
Dr. O. Gaudet, Telesphore Dugas and J. L. Gaudet.
On motion of Dr. Gaudet it was resolved that the salary of the Secretary of this Board be fixed at the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum to date from the 12th day of May 1877 and to be paid in two instalments, one on the 15th day of September and the other on the 15th of December of each and every year.
On motion of Dr. Gaudet it was resolved that the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-Six 65/100 Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the hands of the Treasurer to pay the expenses of the Board for the month of August 1877. Said sum to be paid only upon warrants properly drawn by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of this Board, in the manner following to-wit:
FIRST WARD:
For salaries of Teachers of Schools No. 1 and 2..... 59.30
Rent of Lovinski Reim's School House..... 6.00
SECOND WARD:
For salaries of Teachers of Schools Nos. 3 and 4..... 59.50
Rent of Pleasant Green School House..... 3.00
For one half salary of Teacher of School No. 5..... 22.25
THIRD WARD:
For one half salary of Teacher of School No. 5..... 22.25
For salary of Teacher of School No. 6..... 20.65
FOURTH WARD:
For salaries of Teachers of Schools Nos. 7 and 8..... 59.30
For expenses as per account approved above..... 70
FIFTH WARD:
For salaries of Teachers of Schools Nos. 9 and 10..... 50.30
For expenses as per account approved above..... 1.75
For rent of Chiquet School House..... 3.00
SIXTH WARD:
For salaries of Teachers of Schools Nos. 11 and 12..... 50.30
For rent of Landry School House..... 3.00
SEVENTH WARD:
For salaries of Teachers of Schools Nos. 13 and 14..... 54.15
For 2 month's rent of School House..... 8.00
EIGHTH WARD:
For salary of Teacher of School No. 16..... 20.65
For rent of Pierre Growe's School House..... 4.00
For payment of ledger for Treasurer's office and freight upon the same..... 4.75
For payment of expenses of printing as per resolution as above..... 25.00
For payment of salary of Secretary as per resolution as above..... 50.00
Equal to appropriation: \$536.65
On motion of Dr. Gaudet the Board now adjourned to meet on Saturday, Sept. 29th, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House of this Parish.
J. L. GAUDET,
Secretary, J. GENTIL, President.

Assessment Roll.
The Assessment Roll for the year 1877 having been completed, the Tax-Payers of the Parish are hereby notified that the said Roll will be exposed at the Recorder's office, at the Court House, from Monday August 13th to September 13th, 1877, one month, according to law.
JULES DORNIER,
Assessor.
St. James Parish, Aug. 11th, 1876.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
WIDOW W. SORELY,
VS. No. 519,
W. H. JYMIE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA,
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF SAINT JAMES.
By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by the above Honorable the 14th Judicial District Court, for the Parish of St. James, bearing date of the 21st day of August, 77, and to me directed, in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, on
SATURDAY THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1877, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,
the following described property, to-wit:
1st.—A certain tract of land or plantation called Buena Vista Plantation, situated in the Parish of St. James, in this State, and measuring twelve arpents front on the Mississippi river, opening about 12 degrees with all its double concession bounded, on one side by the property now or lately belonging to Evariste Mire, and on the other side by the property of Valery Gaudet, together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereof, consisting of a dwelling house, Sugar House with steam engine, and also all the agricultural implements belonging to said Plantation.
2nd.—Another tract of land situated in the same Parish and described in Patent No. 841 issued for the same in favor of Mrs. Winchester, by the State of Louisiana as section 59 in township 12, range 15 east, containing Six Hundred and forty one 4/100 acres.
3rd.—Another tract of land situated in the same parish and described in Patent No. 845 issued for the same in favor of Mrs. Winchester by the State of Louisiana as the west half section, the South East Quarter and the South half of the North East Quarter of section 52 in township 12, range 15 east, containing Five Hundred and sixty four 3/100 acres.
Together with 16 mules, 4 carts and a lot of farming utensils.
Seized in the above suit.
To be sold in block.
Terms:—Cash in U. S. Currency.
VICTOR MILES,
Sheriff.
Sheriff's office, Parish of St. James, September 1st, 1877.

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G. R. FORTIER, AGENT.
Nos. 123 and 125
South Peters Street.
CORNER OF GIBOD,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
SACKS FURNISHED FREE OF CHARGE.
P. O. Box, 75. (Ju. 16 77.)
Messrs. FERGUSON & GRAHAM have secured the services of a first class Miller from Charleston, who has just put up in the STAR RICE MILL all the latest improved RICE MILLING MACHINERY. This enabling them to guarantee a first class article of rice and entirely free from Tad Poles, grass seed, Trash, &c.
G. R. FORTIER, Agent.
Notice.
LOST.—A NOTE, dated Dec. 31st, 1876, to my order, by Mr. J. Drullier, for the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars, (\$25.00) payable at the end of the year, with 10 0/0 cent interest until paid. Payment of said note has been stopped.
SPENCER WOOD,
St. James, Sept. 1st, 1877.

H. CONTEJEAN,
HORLOGER
ET BIJOUTIER.
Réparation de Montres, Pendules et Bijoux.
No. 129 Rue Bourbon,
Entre St. Pierre et Toulouse.
N. B. Gm. Nouvelle-Orléans.
Le DR. MENG vient de fixer définitivement dans la Paroisse St. Jacques.
Il offre ses services comme médecin, chirurgien et principalement accoucheur, aux habitants de la paroisse.
Il espère que trente ans de pratique en Louisiane lui mériteront la confiance qu'il sollicite de tous les paroissiens. Il fera tout ses efforts pour tâcher de l'acquiescer et de s'en rendre digne.
Sa résidence est chez Mr. Alexandre Végas, rive gauche, 4e district. [1jn.77.]
SOULIERS, BOTTINES,
BOTTES,
Et Chaussures de tout genre,
GARANTIES,
Bon Marché,
chez
J. LAPORTE,
COLLEGE POINT.
Special Notice.
All delinquent Tax-Payers owing the Special Rathbone Tax, will call at my office and pay the same within Ten days from the date of this notice or else proceed against as the law directs.
E. C. MIRE,
Tax Collector.
Parish of St. James, June 9th., 1877.

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neck, with a lump on the
of the jaw; supposed to have been
taken to the Parish of East Baton
Rouge or Livingston. Fifteen dollars
reward for the return of said
mare to the undersigned,
LIMAS WASHINGTON,
White Hall, St. James.