

tem, from Seale's Ferry to Durant. Capt. R. H. Sanders, of this county, was elected President, W. B. Williams, Secretary, and W. H. Haynes, Treasurer. Ten thousand dollars have been subscribed towards the capital stock of the company, which is very nearly sufficient to construct the work.—*Knoxville Chronicle*, 16.

PERSONAL.—Gen. Steadman and Fallerton left the city yesterday morning, after a day's stay for inspection of the Freedmen's Bureau. We don't know whether they found anything worthy in it or not. An old darkey, who was at the depot when they arrived, was heard to growl: "D narsy, what dey please 'bout freedman's bureaus, but I see more officers for de freedmen dan I does bureaus."—*Columbus Index*, 23d.

THE CROPS.—Our information is, that since the warm, dry weather we have been favored with the last couple of weeks, the crop prospects have become altogether more favorable. The farmers being enabled to make fair headway against the grass.—*Canton Citizen*, 23d.

CENTENARY VALEDICTORY SERMON.—Rev. Matthew Davenport, sr., who, on the 11th day of July, 1844, will be one hundred years of age—will, on that day, God willing, preach in the city of Okla. He has been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for eighty years, and a minister of the gospel nearly as long. He desires to meet on that occasion the ministers of the gospels of every denomination, and all professions of every persuasion. The public is generally invited to attend.—*Okalona News*.

THE CROPS.—We have embraced every opportunity offered to ascertain from planters throughout the State, the condition of the corn and cotton crops. From information received by us from reliable sources, and from direct reports from the State, we write it down as a settled thing that not more than one fourth of a crop will be made, if that.—*Jackson Mississippi*, 21th.

A grand tournament takes place at Holly Springs on the 18th and 19th of July.

VALDEN GARRISONED.—We understand that Valden has been garisoned by U. S. soldiers, in consequence of a difficulty between the citizens and some discharged colored soldiers who were employed on the railroad.—*Carrollton Conservator*, 23.

MURDERERS OVERTAKEN.—On Sunday last Mr. Joseph Loyer arrived in town with George and William Williams, the young men who recently murdered his old father some time in April last in Wayne county. They were overtaken on Jordan river, near Thompson's Mill. Before the committing officer they confessed the deed, but said they were hired to do it.—*Handboro Democrat*, 23.

LOUISIANA.

MURDER.—On Tuesday night, Mr. Clapp, an old man, who was running a market wagon, was murdered at his camp about one mile from Shreveport. He was shot through the body, and was found lying some distance from his bed. The mules and wagon were not disturbed, but it is presumed that he was robbed of his money. He had sold his produce and poultry, and was returning to the country.—*Caddo Gazette*, 22.

SHREVEPORT AND MARSHALL RAILROAD.—The railroad between Silver Lake has been repaired, and the locomotive is now running over it carrying out iron and cross ties. There is about a mile of track to lay near the city to connect with three miles of the old road, which is now ready for use. Next week the locomotive will run out five miles, and the track laying will be pressed forward to the present terminus of the Marshall road, thirteen miles from Shreveport. All the grading on the line is finished, except one cut. A sufficient number of hands are employed in this cut to remove the dirt in a few weeks. The contractor is confident that the cars will run through to Marshall by the 1st of August next.—*Ibid.*

On Monday, steam was raised on the new "holme" belonging to the Southern Pacific Railroad, for the first time. It proved to be in good working order, and walked the track like a thing of life, all covered over with little spgers. We have heard the iron horse scream and roar.—*Shreveport Southwestern*, 20.

A FARMER AND THE FREEDMEN.—A farmer in this vicinity, who has an eye to business, had four or five freedmen to abandon his place, and straightway he posted up notices giving their names and warning the public against hiring them as they had formerly contracted with him. The hot weather is beginning to tell. Let every farmer pursue this plan and they all will be largely the gainers.—*Monroe Telegraph*, 21st.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.—Last Tuesday night, about 12 o'clock, Mr. Hewlett, in company with two young men, while encamped with his team just beyond the corporate limits, was surprised by five colored soldiers armed with United States muskets, and robbed of everything valuable they had. Mr. Hewlett was bringing in the baggage belonging to some eight or ten young men who had been at school in Olmstead, Texas. It was late when he arrived at the camping place, but all of the young men except two came in town, leaving their baggage in the wagon. The soldiers, with the butts of their muskets, stood in the trunks and rifled them of their contents. They also took from Mr. Hewlett his revolver and a small sum of money.—*Ibid.*

CROP PROSPECTS.—We are informed by planters from different parts of our parish that, notwithstanding the immense rains and storms which recently visited us, the crops are looking healthy and promise something more than an ordinary yield.—*Bayou Sara Ledger*, 23d.

The glorious weather with which we have been favored for the past week, has invigorated new life into our planters, and they have returned to their labors with renewed energy. The fields are being rapidly cleared of grass, while the cotton and corn have improved at least one hundred percent. With anything like reasonable weather from this time out, we may expect to see fair crops made on all the lands that were not sown, while it would not astonish us to see even good crops made on them, although rather late in the season. But one more enemy is to be dreaded this year, and that is the caterpillar. Should we be spared in this instance, every one will have cause for profound congratulations.—*West Lake Rouge Sugar Planter*, 23.

RIVER, WEATHER AND CROPS.—Since our last issue the river has fallen about ten inches. It will doubtless rise no more this season.

The last shower here fell on Saturday. This morning it is dark and cloudy, strongly indicative of rain.

The crops are suffering from grass—in many places we hear of land being tilled out. The freedmen generally are not working very well.—*Ibid.*

With the exception of a heavy rain, accompanied with a strong wind, the latter part of last week the weather has been dry and pleasant, although cool at night and in the morning. Cotton is blooming, but the extent of the crop, as before stated, will be quite limited. Corn is doing well, and if the present fair spell continues, those who have planted a sufficient number of acres, will not only have enough for their own use, but some to spare.—*Clinton Democrat*.

TEXAS.

The Galveston News has a long and very florid description of a tournament at Chappel Hill. We give a specimen:

Up rolled the sun in the eastern heavens, and with scorching beams promised to make each knight and paant courser pay in sweat for all the honors of the course. But as the bugle sounded for parade, a genial cloud, with feathered edges and darker disc, spread its wing across the burning sky, and thus most welcome spread the celestial parasol over the village and field till the day was well advanced.

After the trumpet of the Hero'd poured its blast through the streets and groves of the village and echoed round the neighboring hills, out dashed the armored knights from Castle Tottenham, mounted their steeds, that groomed and clamping their bits in eager anticipation of the fray. Each made a flourish of his lance and plunged around by a few resistless bounds of the impatient courser, to his appointed place in the lists.

The survivors of the band of the Heroic 16th Texas Infantry, mounted in an open chariot and drawn by double spans of matched mules, and all decorated with wreaths and garlands, poured forth the thrilling strains of their proud days, and stirred the hearts of horse and horsemen alike the g'arbering.

From the head of the line of "Knighthood of the Lamented Dead" rode out the temporary captain of the parade, the "Knight of Chloasma" who had figured upon that notorious grand field, and reining no in front, dropped the point of his lance in salute, and delivered the command to the Grand Marshal of the Day.

The stalwart chief, mounted on a milk white steed, then charged amid the roar of artillery and the thunder of battle, on many a field, with the renowned Terry Rangers, dashed up in front with his staff of Assantani Marshals and Aids, and with graceful pass of sword returned the salute, and assumed command of the Knighthood and the Tournament.

VIctor KNIGHT.—L. A. D. Coo, "Knight of the Golden Circle" (Crown the Queen.) 2, Jas,

Cartwal, "Knight of the L'ns Star of Washington." 3. W. C. Cumpston, "Knight of the S'thern Cross." 4. Wm. Locke, "Knight of Beauty." 5. T. R. Owen, "Knight of the Texas Rangers." Ora or—Chaplain Dick Swearingen.

Queen—Miss Ella Holland, of Independence. MATRONS OF BOSON.—Miss Laura Cabess, of Female College, Chappel Hill. 2. Miss Emma Nerris, of Brenham. 3. Miss E. Posey Trapham, of Chappel Hill. 4. Miss Maggie Meredith, of Chappel Hill.

OFFICERS.—Col. C. G. Fo shey, Earl Marshal. Col. J. A. K. BUCH, Major T. J. Sourey, Dr. E. W. Rogers, Assista t Marshal. Capt. Jos. Mathe wa. J. Brace, Capt. J. A. Shapard, Aids. Dr. W. S. Rogers, Dr. Boulding Capt. H. Hargrove, Timers Major Hayle, Ed. Chappell, Esq., Clerks. Wm. Chappell, Esq., Wm. Keese, Esq., John Glas, Esq. Line Officers. Wm. Nichola, Esq., Flagman. Wm. Dossott, Esq., Ring Manager.

En. —The brigantine Telegraph, 87 tons 74 days, from Liverpool, laden with coal for the Gas Company, consigned to LeBaron Drury & Son, struck on the north breakers at 2 o'clock right before last, and turned over into 13 feet water, and is now full of water. She is a to a loss.

The Telegraph made the same mistake that was made by the Woodland, a vessel wrecked upon the same shoals a few weeks since. The captain of both vessels assert that the coast charts misled them. The light at Bolivar was supposed to be a sixteen mile light. The Woodland was also a foreign vessel, consigned to LeBaron Drury & Son.—*Galveston News*, 22.

Southern News.

ALABAMA.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS.—We are rejoiced to know that the work of building up the city is being vigorously prosecuted and that there is prospect of plenty of work to keep all of our mechanics busy during the summer.—*Mobile Tribune*.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.—While on their way one from town, on yesterday evening, a quarrel arose between Mr. R. J. McMillin and Mr. Robert Sawyer, citizens of the county. During the quarrel Esslinger dismounted from his horse to kick up a bundle he had dropped, when McMillin cut off his horse and inflicted several severe cuts on the face upon Esslinger. The wound in the neck was a horrid gash. They were both old men and were in liquor at the time. McMillin had not been arrested last night.—*Montville Independent*.

TERRIBLE SHOOTING AFFAIR.—We learn that a serious difficulty occurred at Greensboro, Ala., between Harvey and Stephen Williamson (brothers) and James Williamson (son of the latter) on one side, and H. B. Dogger, a hotel proprietor, on the other. Harvey Williamson was killed and Stephen Williamson shot down and dangerously wounded by Dogger, and James Williamson then killed Dogger.—*Meridian Messenger*, 23d.

MISSISSIPPI.

A farmer in an adjoining county informed us, in conversation the other day, that he had to keep hands employed to protect his corn crib, smoke house, poultry yard, stock, &c., which are severely diminishing every day. His mules are fed at early night fall, and, notwithstanding the watch kept over them, the corn is stolen from them before they get well to feeding.—*Meridian Messenger*, 23d.

TUNNANT.—We learn from the Lexington Advertiser that the citizens of Durant and vicinity have organized a Turnpike Company, with the object of building a turnpike across the Big Black bot-