

# Waterloo Tribune 1897

Most of these articles were taken from the papers of 1897. The Waterloo Tribune reported on Waterloo and Riverton. I attempted to copy all the relevant news for Riverton in this document. There are some from other newspapers and they are noted.

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**RIVERTON NOTES.**

Mr. W. B. Moore will leave next week to take the road for the New Spence Medical Co., Chattanooga. Dr. Moon will have charge of the drug business here.

Mr. A. A. Allen is in Nashville on business.

It is now generally believed the late hotel fire resulted from a candle from the smokestack of the Mr. Blackfield which was then lying at the wharf here. Birds had built nests in the cornice of the hotel, at about the point where the fire started, and this furnished good fuel for the lighting of a fire.

In the hotel fire here last week, besides the loss of furniture and fixtures by Mr. Spencer, wardrobes by Capt. Jerry Clainery and other boarders, J. C. Coleman, the barber, lost all his shop implements, including chair, glasses, razors, shears, clippers, &c.

It is generally believed that Mr. Spencer will rebuild the hotel in the near future—possibly not on so large a scale. Mr. Spencer has been located on the river bank here for half a century and it would take something stronger than a cyclone to tear him away.

It may not be generally known that Mr. W. Standifer is an expert piscatorial artist, yet such is the case. He and Messrs. Parsons and Buchanan went up on the creek fishing last week, and Mr. Standifer succeeded in catching a huge drum fish that weighed about a pound and a half—not with the hook however, but actually lassoed him. He was very jubilant when the funny specimen was drawn out, but was very doubtful about whether or not a practical joke had been played on him when the colored man exclaimed, "Boss, I can't get him off, he's tied on."

Rev. T. W. Hayes preached at the Methodist church here Sunday morning and night.

The work of re-constructing fences and outhouses here is being pushed, and farmers are also getting to work.

We have two weddings of interest to our people in the table.

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Mike McNulty, who was one of the men injured in the dynamite explosion at the lock at Riverton some months ago, is now day-watchman at the works.

Horseshoe pitching is the prime favorite of local sports. It is enjoyed by old and young these bright spring days when the high water is preventing work.

Mr. W. E. Standifer, government book-keeper at Riverton, who has been visiting in Birmingham and Gadsden, returned to his post of duty Monday.

**Change of Mail.**

Beginning with today, (Thursday) the mail from Riverton will reach here in the afternoon, leaving Riverton after the arrival of the trains there. This will give us much better facilities than we now possess, and our readers will be greatly pleased to hear of the change. It will bring them fresher news and quicker mails from the outside world.

### Harry Brazilton as a Reporter.

The late flood gave opportunity to many would be prophets and chroniclers of events to display their arts before the public. Among these was Mr. Harry Brazilton, the beautiful steersman of the government steamer "Lookout." Mr. Brazilton wrote to some friends at Paducah, and these friends telegraphed his reports to the St. Louis Republic. Besides other things, equally as truthful, the "Lookout's" steersman says:

"Riverton, until a few days ago a prosperous Southern town, is under water to the second stories of business houses and residences."

"Great numbers (of people) have been rescued (by the "Lookout"), but many have succumbed to cold and damp and starvation and fallen from their perilous perches into the swift current. Then they must have drowned instantly."

"Near Riverton, the "Lookout" was moored at night on the topmost limbs of the cottonwood trees."

"A few survivors were picked up from drifting sawlogs and treetops."

"At Waterloo, a town below Riverton, the scenes of desolation and suffering were almost as great."

The Tribune is not given to picking flaws in the reports of its contemporaries, but the St. Louis Republic never published a greater fable in all the history of its turbulent career than is contained in the few lines above, to say nothing of the context not published.

In the first place, the water did not reach the second story of the few two-story buildings in Riverton. In the second place, the "Lookout" did not rescue a single family or individual in Riverton or elsewhere, but was all through the high water anchored to the lowest limb on the only cottonwood tree on the bank of the river in that section.

So far as heard from—and we have inquired particularly—no one "succumbed" to cold, damp or starvation, and no one died from these causes. The river got higher than ever before, but the people all, by their own efforts, removed their effects to safety and found refuge for themselves and families. The captain of the "Lookout" loaned the government skiffs, but the steamer never left its safe and snug anchorage at the cottonwood tree.

As for the report about Waterloo,

### Gone With [redacted]

Riverton, Ala., Apr. 1, 1897.

Last Wednesday our community was surprised to hear of the disappearance of Mr. W. C. McLane, a former employe at the lock and later merchant, accompanied by the wife of Mart Dalzell. The couple left town for down the river and have not since been heard of. McLane leaves a wife with several children by a first husband. Dalzell was greatly shocked by his wife's desertion, and vows vengeance on McLane. Trouble is expected should the men meet.

Mr. Thos. Spencer was this week paid \$1,800, the insurance money on his hotel, lately burned in Riverton. Mr. J. M. Allen, the agent of the companies here, received the money and paid it over Monday.

### Double Wedding in Riverton.

Mr. George Allen and Miss Mamie Griscom will be married at the Baptist Church, Riverton, Wednesday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. W. D. Swinford and Miss Julia Spencer will be married at the Baptist Church, Riverton, Wednesday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock.

The double wedding announced above is an event of great interest to the people of both Riverton and Waterloo, since all the contracting parties are well known here. Mr. George Allen is the popular foreman of the stoneyard at the Riverton lock, and is highly esteemed by every one connected with that work, as well as the people among whom he has lived. His bride, Miss Griscom, is the daughter of Esquire L. P. Griscom, and has always been a social favorite in Riverton.

Mr. W. D. Swinford, the other groom, made his home in Waterloo for several years, and was raised near here. He has hosts of friends among our people, and among the general public for whom he has lately been acting as mine host in Riverton. Miss Julia Spencer is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Spencer, a native of Riverton, where she is loved by all.

### Aftermath of the Robbery.

The posse of officers who went down the river last week did not return until after The Tribune was printed, but when they did return they brought with them three parties they had captured with a government skiff from the steamer "Lookout." These were two men named Henson and one named Geiser. They were caught at Hamburg, about twenty-five miles below here on the Tennessee river. The officers found no other suspicious property with these parties, but brought them back as possessors of the stolen skiff. The Hensons and Geiser were, however, tried in Riverton last Thursday and given their liberty.

Mr. G. T. Nellis and lady, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Riverton, and Mr. J. W. White, of Waterloo, are today on Second creek for an outing.

There is no business rivalry between Riverton and Waterloo. The recent misfortunes of the former town from flood and fire may be overcome by strong effort. There are citizens of Riverton who are capable of such effort, and they have the hearty co-operation of The Tribune in whatever they may undertake. Let them get to work to rebuild their stricken fortunes. They have the men and money. The will, we trust, is theirs, too.

### HOTEL BURNED.

The Handsome Spencer House in Riverton Destroyed.

Wednesday morning about two o'clock the handsome Spencer Hotel in Riverton was destroyed by fire, with much of the contents belonging to the proprietor and his boarders.

The hotel was built by Mr. Thomas Spencer, during the boom days, and has been operated by him ever since. It has always done a good business, being headquarters for the skilled mechanics employed on the lock, and for the general public. Recently Mr. Spencer leased the hotel to Mr. W. D. Swinford, who was to have taken charge in a few weeks.

How the fire originated is not known. It occurred at a time of night when no one was about, and was under full headway before it was discovered.

The hotel was valued by Mr. Spencer at \$5,000, and was insured for \$2,000 in the Capitol City Insurance Company, of Montgomery, through Mr. J. M. Allen, of Waterloo, representative of M. J. Dillard & Co.



## RIVERTON NOTES.

Riverton, Ala., Aug. 10, 1897.

Editor Tribune:—

Our town is moving along quietly and pleasantly, with no thrilling events to break the monotony. We evidently feel the revivifying effects of the recent rains.

The crowd that went from Riverton to Waterloo to church Sunday reports a good sermon from Rev. Mr. Thames and a pleasant time. Waterloo is noted for its hospitality. "Modesty forbids" more fulsome eulogy.

We had a large and interesting crowd of children at the Methodist Sunday school. Several teachers were absent, however. Mr. Swinford made an excellent lecture on the lesson.

Miss Dugger is spending a few days at home, Iuka, with her brother, who is at home from the Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn., enjoying vacation.

Has Mr. N. E. gone into seclusion?

Mrs. Jas. Barton is visiting relatives in Mississippi.

The latest "fad" at Riverton is "picture-taking." The school group has been made four different times. We can conjugate the verb "take" until we do not say, "He taken."

As the physicians would say, it is "excruciatingly healthful" here now. Peace and quiet reign supreme. Nothing is ever disturbed—not even the blackboards and books in the schoolroom. The doors cannot possibly be locked, either. Sensational items, Mr. Editor, are like "angel's visits," and something on the essay style might not be appreciated. I actually believe Madam Rumor is extinct. I wish—

With kind wishes,

Eglantine.

# Carpentering and House Building.

## W. B. BRYANT,

RIVERTON, : : ALABAMA

Offers his services to the people of Waterloo, Riverton and surrounding section. He has wide experience and a thorough knowledge of the business. Prompt attention to all communications. Carpentering, House-building, Repairing, Woodwork of all kinds. Call on or address,

W. B. BRYANT,

RIVERTON, ALA

### Boats.

The Bryan came down Saturday night and laid hawser at Riverton to await the arrival of the Clyde, which steamer she came to and reship freights for.

The City of Paducah arrived Monday afternoon and discharged a light cargo for this place and Riverton. She cleared for St. Louis the same evening.

The Clyde arrived Monday night, discharged some light freight here, remained a few hours then returned.

### Seriously Hurt.

Last Saturday morning a negro man named Will Copelin, while at work at the public works near Riverton, was seriously hurt. He was employed at a derrick which was unloading stone and heavy timber from the steamer Colbert. A derrick boom was being unloaded when it slipped from the chains and fell, striking Copelin on the head. It was thought for a time that he was killed, but he rallied. He was taken on the Colbert to his home at Florence, and we hear he is now improving.

### Riverton Meeting.

The Baptist protracted meeting lately held at Riverton closed Sunday last. There were quite a number of converts who were immersed in the Tennessee river Saturday. Revs. Thames, Stockton and Whitlock were the Baptist ministers who conducted the meeting. It was a great spiritual awakening among the people of Riverton.

## RIVERTON NOTES.

Riverton, Ala., Aug. 3, 1897.

Editor Tribune:—

Last week was a week to be remembered for "time immemorial," on account of the glorious revival. Rev. Copeland, of Leighton, preached some soul-stirring sermons, which greatly revived the members of the church and convicted sinners. The people were highly pleased with his zeal, power and earnestness, and captivated by his genial manners. Our esteemed pastor, Bro. Hayes, seemed to rejoice over the results of the meeting. The Baptists and Methodists worked together harmoniously. Especially do we feel grateful to the excellent organist, Miss Martha Dugger, of Iuka, who is a Baptist, and who so kindly and cheerfully played for us. Some of the members of the choir were Baptists and some of them entertained the ministers and visitors in royal style.

Mr. James Walker and wife attended the meeting.

We were delighted to see so many of our Waterloo friends at church on Sunday.

Mrs. Porteous, of Paducah, is visiting her son at South Riverton.

The school at Riverton still has a

We had a large and interesting Sunday school at the M. E. church last Sunday, and in the afternoon we had an enjoyable meeting of the Juveniles.

Mrs. E. Craig has gotten back from a short visit to Waterloo.

Messrs. Tom Nave and Noel (W.) Edwards made a wheel trip to Iuka last Sunday. Mr. N. must have stirred his course, for E. is not at all inclined that way.

Mr. Echard, the photographer, is here and ready "to strike your beauty." Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allen, of Waterloo, made a visit and attended the meeting last week.

The meeting at the Baptist church begins the third Sunday in this month. Riverton is again "calm and serene." The so-called "race war" has ended, "the hatchet is buried," and we are basking in the sunlight of peace and prosperity.

Eglantine.

## Boats.

The Sheffield, Capt. Till, came up Sunday a. m. and discharged eight cars of freight, at Riverton, for eastern and southern parts of the state. She also had quite a number of road trip excursionists on board.

The Colbert is making daily trips, up and down the river, carrying stone for the entrance structure of the Riverton lock.

The Bryan came down Monday evening to meet the Clyde and get freight for up-river points.

The Clyde came in several hours behind time Tuesday afternoon with a large trip. She left Paducah with guards dragging the water, laden with the biggest trip of the season. She cleared at 6 p. m. for the lower river.

### The Convicts at Riverton.

There is still great discontent prevailing among the citizens of Riverton because of the quartering of convicts there, who are being worked on the government works.

On more than one occasion they have created disturbances in the community. One night last week as the Str. City of Paducah was passing Riverton a number of negroes standing on the bank fired into her. Quite a number of shots were fired and might have resulted fatally to some one on board.

The working of convicts on government works is in direct conflict with the federal law and it is hoped the authorities will put a stop to it here.

### Chalk Mills.

The silica mills of Mr. Malone, south of Riverton, are a more extensive enterprise than is generally supposed. The Tribune editor was shown over the works by the affable proprietor last Friday. Improved machinery is used here, and a carload of the product is shipped daily. The raw material is at hand in abundance, and it is of an excellent quality. We are glad to note that these works are prospering.

### Serious Accident.

Tuesday evening as the train on the Riverton branch was going out from Riverton, Leo Haynes, section boss, was very seriously hurt.

Haynes with another man was on a flat car throwing off cross-ties at points where they were needed along the route, as the train moved slowly along. One tie fell under the car wheels and threw the car from the track. This frightened Haynes and he jumped to the ground. He fell on one leg, which was broken and lacerated so that the bone pierced through the flesh. Amputation is necessary.



### A Fine Stock Farm.

The editor of The Tribune, in company with Mr. J. W. White, spent a most enjoyable day at the home of Dr. George T. McWhirter near Riverton, last week. Dr. McWhirter has one of the finest farms in this section, and he is devoting it principally to stock raising. He is an ardent stockman, and believes that the very best classes of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep should be raised in North Alabama. As a demonstration of his faith he has large herds of fine cattle on his pastures, as well as a fine stock of hogs. His black Berkshire boar is the handsomest animal of his kind in this section. He was from an imported dam, celebrated for her excellent progeny. Dr. McWhirter has also lately added to his farm a young Rose of Sharon bull, which he promises will greatly improve the character of stock raised in this section. It is of fine breed, young yet, but with promise of becoming a magnificent animal.

It is a pleasure to spend a day on the genial doctor's farm, and hear him talk stock. He is thoroughly acquainted with the fine strains of stock and the chances of their succeeding here.

### Work at Colbert Lock.

We herewith give the main facts regarding the work at Colbert Shoals canal as secured by The Tribune this week from authentic sources:

Neeley & Smith, of Chattanooga, have the contract for excavating the entrance basin, which will comprise about 75,000 cubic yards, at 26 cents per cubic yard. This work will be completed within sixty days from date of contract, or about Sept. 1. After the excavation is done the United States will then begin the wing walls, which contain 9,000 cubic yards of masonry, and will be completed in four months.

While the excavation for the entrance to the lock is being done all work by the United States will be suspended, except preparing stones for the wing walls, but soon as the excavation is finished the United States will proceed to construct the wing walls and the Riverton lock will then be complete in every detail.

The lock proper is now complete, the entrance basin being really a separate work, but connected with the lock. Mr. Julius Schutting, the official photographer, is in Riverton at this time making photographs of the lock to be forwarded to the war department.

### Lock Notes.

We also publish the following notes from an employe at the lock:

The contractors for the work on the lock approach are expected here this week to begin work. The advertisement, we are informed, called for the beginning of the work by July 1. It is said the contractors will establish their own commissary, which will not be of any benefit to the town.

The government work has entirely stopped. Nearly all the old men have been laid off. Only a few day laborers and the watchmen are at work. The men who have been with the work from its beginning are now out, for a time at least. This list includes such men as Messrs. John Porteous, W. S. Standifur, Jerry Slattery and John Scott.

A new snag boat has arrived at Riverton to work from Waterloo down the river. It is said the "Lookout" is to come in soon and her crew will take charge of the new snag boat.

### Children's Day at Riverton

Children's day was celebrated at Riverton Sunday last, a large crowd being present. Miss Carrie Sullivan had charge of the exercises, which is sufficient guarantee that they were of a high character. Every feature was highly enjoyed. Following is the program:

Miss Dugger, organist.

March, Song, Lord's Prayer.

Recitation by Annie Green.

Sunday School acrostic, Little Boys.

Recitation by Mary Buchanan.

Recitation, Eight Little girls.

Address on Sunday schools, Tom Buchanan.

Recitations by Emma Holland, Della Burton, Lizzie Wallace.

Song, Primary Class.

Recitation by Agnes Bryant.

Recitation, Four little girls.

Address on Missions, Roscoe Moore.

Recitations by Miss Bryant, Ella Heard and Walter Nelles.

Address on Education, Carrie Thompson.

Recitations by Misses Emma Scott and Jessie Thompson.

Address on Epworth League, Goodloe Burton.

Address by W. M. Buchanan.

## A DOUBLY CONDEMNED WRETCH.

**The Same Negro Guilty of Both Crimes.  
—He is Hunted Down.**

Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, the negro who so seriously cut Foreman J. N. Robinson in Riverton the day before, was captured two miles from Riverton and brought into town.

He was badly wounded, one shot having carried away a part of his under jaw. It is told that he stopped at the home of Dr. R. J. Moore, three miles from Riverton, Tuesday night to have his wounds dressed, and this resulted in his capture.

When brought into town the negro was carried before Mrs. Vaughn, who instantly identified him as the one who assaulted her Monday. The lady's nerves were unstrung and she fainted at sight of the wretch.

The negro was named Hiliary Speaks, and there was no mistake as to his being the would-be rapist and murderer.

Officers started for Tusculum with him last night and a small but determined mob followed. It is reported this morning that he was taken from the officers and hanged between Riverton and Cherokee.



## ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE.

### A Fiend in Riverton is Sought by Citizens.

But Being Unknown, he Escapes Pursuit, and the People are at a Loss.

### DEATH AWAITING RAVISHER.

Monday evening between the hours of four and five a negro man entered the front door of the residence of Mrs. Vida Vaughn, in Riverton, and finding Mrs. Vaughn alone, assaulted her with criminal intent. The fiend in pursuing the lady, stumbled over a chair, and she escaped through a back door of the residence.

Mrs. Vaughn ran to the house of a neighbor and gave the alarm, when a crowd of citizens gathered at the place and made search for the offender, but failed to find him. From that time all through Monday night the indignant citizens of Riverton prosecuted a vigil hunt for the would be ravisher. Several negroes answering more or less to the description given by the lady were taken before her but in every instance she failed to identify them.

Hordes of citizens followed upon their trails out of Riverton for twelve miles, but never saw any certain trace of the sought man, except in one instance. Railroad men on the Riverton branch said they had seen one answering the description given by Mrs. Vaughn, tramping toward the Junction. A crowd gathered and followed the direction indicated. After searching all night, the people returned home, having failed to find the culprit.

Had the indignant people caught the negro who had attempted the crime, they would have made short work of him. The people of Riverton are as much opposed to mob law as any people in the land, but in a case like this they are ready to give warning to all parties that immediate death is the result.

Perties are still on the outlook for the fugitive, and he may yet be caught. It is to be hoped that he will, for the escape of one fiend like this means a world of encouragement to succeeding ravishers.

### For Our Riverton Friends.

We are informed that some eighteen or twenty dollars worth of job printing was sent out of Riverton by business men there last week. And this work didn't go to The Tribune nor to a Colfax county paper. We have been trying to prove to Riverton people that The Tribune was their local paper and they ought to patronize it, but it seems we have failed. We are glad to say that this work was not sent away by Messrs. Buchanan and Sloan and such firms as they, who are kind enough to reserve their work for this city. We also wish to assure our gentlemen, as well as all our merchants and professional men in Riverton that they may depend upon The Tribune to do a newspaper's work. That some of our friends who patronize foreign printing will not prevent us from doing our best for them and Riverton.

## E. NEARLY MURDERED.

### ht A Boss on the Public Works Seriously Out

es By a Negro Convict Employed by  
the Contractors on the  
Canal Approach.

### R. HE IS CLOSELY PURSUED.

Tuesday evening about 8:30 o'clock, at the headquarters of Robinson Brothers, at Riverton, the men who are furnishing workmen and mules for the contractors on the work at the lock, a difficulty occurred which resulted in the serious cutting of Mr. J. N. Robinson, foreman, and the escape of one of the convicts who are working under him:

Two men were engaged in a fight when Robinson interfered and struck one, the negro, with a club. This negro then turned on him with a knife and cut him in the back, inflicting a wound which for a time it was thought would prove fatal.

The negro then made a dash for liberty, and though fired at by two or three parties, escaped to the hills.

Robinson is a member of the firm of Robinson Brothers, subcontractors, from Courtland. They are employing on the works here a number of county convicts, which they secure from Colbert county. The negro who cut Robinson is one of these convicts.

It is believed that he was dangerously wounded and cannot get up. He is being sought for. The people are now doubly aroused and serious trouble is sure to follow his capture.

### Riverton Lock.

The contract work in excavating for the approach to the lock at Riverton is progressing very slowly. A Tribune representative was on the ground Tuesday and found that the work was being done in a slow way.

So far as the company bosses are concerned, it is being pushed to the fullest extent. A man is kept on the lookout, who punches and beats mules and negroes at his own discretion, and this course is causing many of the employees to quit work. On one or two occasions it has nearly resulted in a general strike. But the general result is unsatisfactory. It will be impossible for the contractors to complete the job in the allotted sixty days by following their present policy.

If a general strike of employees does not occur, the work is completed, surprise.

### Warned to Leave Riverton.

There is great discontent at Riverton because of the contractors working convicts on the public works there. It is said that a body of citizens are to wait on the Robinsons this morning and notify them to take the convicts and leave town. People were very wild in their denunciations of the system last night.

Our Riverton correspondent came in this morning too late to get into the paper. Will our correspondents kindly send in their letters on Tuesday.

A large crowd of Waterloo people went to Riverton Tuesday morning to help find the rape fish. But he was not found.

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### Boats.

The Colbert was down from the upper shoals on last Friday. She returned the same evening.

The Clyde was in on time with a small freight and cleared at noon Tuesday for Paducah and way points. She was met at this point by an up-river boat, hence went no higher.

The Bryan came down with some passengers for the Clyde Monday night. She shipped all up-country freight from Riverton Wednesday morning.

The Lookout, which arrived at Riverton on Tuesday of last week, was preparing to leave Tuesday evening.

The new snagboat, which is under the maneuvering of the Lookout, has proved quite a success on trial and will depart with that steamer.

Mr. E. H. Craig, manager of the Express office at Riverton, is a clever gentleman and

A crowd witnessed a trial of the snagboat at Riverton Tuesday. The chains were hitched to a two foot log well sunk in the mud and the hoisting machinery was put to work. The log was pulled out of the mud, hoisted on the deck of the snagboat and then disposed of. It was a well-done job superintended by Capt. Geo. Abernathy, who has charge of the work and shows what the new snagboat is capable of doing.





### The New Steamer.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new steamer being built at Smithsonia by Messrs. C. Smith and J. T. Reeder. Lately there has been some delay on account of the sawmill breaking down, but this has been remedied and they are now going ahead. The owners expect the boat to make its first trip Sept. 1. It is intended to ply regularly between Riverton and Waterloo and Guntersville. The new boat will be 130 feet long, by 30 feet wide, and is expected to draw only 14 inches of water. It will be named the "Annie May," in honor of Mr. Reeder's daughter.

### Riverton Notes.

[We publish the following from our Riverton letter received too late for publication last week.]

Rev. Hayes is conducting a series of meetings here this week, with Rev. Copeland to assist him. We well remember his earnest forcible sermons at Waterloo, last summer. His discourses are very interesting and impressive.

Misses Eula and Berthe Payne were guests of Mrs. A. A. Allen. They attended the protracted meeting.

Miss Shrigly, of Iuka, visited Mrs. Blaukenship.

There was a six week's examination at the Riverton school last Friday week. It was a written examination, with twenty questions in each study. Miss Minda Hurd was marked 100 in history, grammar 100; physiology 100; language 100; arithmetic, physical geography and orthography 95. Miss Della Burton got 100 in grammar, history 100, physiology 100, botany 95, algebra 92, physical geography 56, arithmetic 100, orthography 95. Other pupils in school received high grades in different branches. There were five contestants for the prize for the best fourth of July essay. The judges appointed were, Drs. McWhorter and Moore and Mr. A. A. Allen. Miss Della Burton won the prize for best historical narration. Miss Carrie Thompson best penmanship.

Croquet playing, and horse-shoe are the most popular games in our town.

Dr. Ellis and wife spent several days at Iuka last week.

Mr. Noel Edwards travels east-ward, certain young lady being his "pilot."

Mr. E. Craig visited Cherokee last week.

Eglantine.

## RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

### United Effort Necessary to Insure its Continuance.

It has become known that extensive work will be necessary to secure at the next sitting of Congress an appropriation for the work on Colbert Shoals. At any rate, united effort will be required to secure an ample and sufficient appropriation, such as we should by all means have. In a recent letter, Maj. A. W. Willis, of Nashville, says:

"If we suffer Congress to make a partial appropriation it may be years before we will secure another appropriation, and there is no work in my judgment so essential as the appropriation referred to."

Maj. Willis has struck the right key-note. There is a tendency upon the part of Congress to favor Northern and Eastern development at the expense of the South. The proper thing is for the people of the South to fight this tendency. The appropriation for Colbert Shoals is an absolute necessity. The expenditure of \$6,000,000 on Tennessee river improvement in the past is sufficient justification of our demand for further appropriations to complete the work. Maj. Willis further says:

"I beg to say in this matter that I have been working arduously for an appropriation by Congress and if we had succeeded in securing \$400,000 in the sundry civil bill at the present session of Congress, the work would have been completed within two years, but we failed in this, and our remedy now lies in the River and Harbor Bill to be passed at the next session of Congress, meeting December 4 next."

"One thing in my judgment is

~~absolutely necessary~~

the people living Chattanooga and along the line of the Tennessee should at once form a union and be prepared to demand of Congress at this next session an appropriation to complete the work, whereby the river will be navigable round in possibly two years, provided only money is appropriated in a bill, but if any small appropriation is made it may be the consummation of the work.

Here then is our laid down. Our representatives in Congress can do little until the voice of the people along the river is raised in this interest now.

### Capt. Kingman's Report.

Capt. Daniel Kingman has submitted to the Secretary of War a report on improvements on the Tennessee River and Muscle Shoals Canal. The Tennessee River is not all under improvement, says Capt. Kingman, but is capable of being navigated throughout its main trunk during the entire year. The improvements have consisted in snagging, dredging and the construction of wing dams and lateral canals. The last named method of improvement has produced excellent results. The wing dams are found to have a tendency to simply transfer the difficulties down stream.

In March of this year a flood of unprecedented height inflicted a great deal of damage upon the canal at Muscle Shoals, and some repairs remain uncompleted. The total cost of operating the canal during the fiscal year was \$62,979. The dry dock was completed February, 1897.

### Riverton Notes.

Riverton, Ala., July 6, 1897.

Editor Tribune:—

The refreshing shower has revived our drooping spirits. The clouds which canopy the heavens indicate more rain.

Prof. Holgate's school closed yesterday and he gave a party at the residence of Mrs. Barton last night in honor of his pupils, which those who attended reported they enjoyed immensely.

The pupils of the public school at Riverton celebrated the fourth of July with appropriate exercises in the way of essays on the grand anniversary. A prize was offered by the teacher for the best written essay. There were several contestants, and the prize will be presented as soon as the judges decide. We were rejoiced to see the enthusiasm and patriotism displayed by the pupils. After a treat by the teacher the school was given a partial holiday in the afternoon. The pupils are doing excellent work despite the excessive heat.

Misses Martha Dugger and Joe Cox returned from a short visit to Iuka yesterday.

Mrs. Blankenship's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, of Florence, are visiting her now.

Rev. Mr. Sandlin, the Baptist evangelist, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning and delivered a lecture at night.

We are glad to know our pastor is home again, and we hope he will be with us next Sunday.

Best wishes to our good friends and the editor.

Eglantine

### The Work at Riverton.

The contractors for the work on the approach basin at Riverton lock put a force of men to work Wednesday. The removal of the first dirt is being done by mules and scrapers, but it is understood that the contractors will do most of the work with improved machinery. The dirt removed is to be used in filling up the low ground south of the lock to a point above high water, so that the lock-keeper's houses may be built there. Nearly all other work at the lock has stopped, and the contractors have full away for thirty days.

### Boats.

The Str. Mayflower came up Wednesday morning enroute to Waterloo. She had about fifty round trip passengers besides a fair cargo of other freight.—Savannah Courier.

The City of Paducah arrived Friday afternoon, remained a short time and cleared for St. Louis the same evening.

The Cyde was in on time Monday evening with her usual trip of freight for this place. She lay in port over night, and cleared for Paducah and way points Tuesday.

The City of Sheffield made this landing Wednesday with a good cargo.

The Colbert put in at Riverton Wednesday with a cargo of government supplies.

The government yacht from Lock Six came down Wednesday a party of government inspectors, who came to inspect the work at Riverton.

### Accident at Riverton Lock.

Last Saturday morning at nine o'clock the overhead cable at the lock at Riverton broke down when lifting a heavy stone, and the consequence is the work is delayed for several weeks. This cable has been used in excavating for the lock for nearly three years, but was at this time acting as a support for the mitre-sill. A stone weighing about seven tons was being carried into the pit and was suspended above the place of its final deposit, when the 13-4 inch track cable parted, and the immense stone fell into the pit, a distance of forty feet. The stone that fell and one upon which it struck were crushed to pieces, but fortunately none of the workmen were in the way. Had the accident occurred on an occasion when a stone was being set, it would probably have resulted in many deaths.



# To NASHVILLE



## MEMPHIS & CHARLESTON R. R.

Riverton Junction; Ala., June 16, 1897.  
To the Public:

The round trip rate for tickets to Nashville, Tenn. on June 20, 21, 22 and 23 will be \$3.15. Tickets will be limited to return ten days from date of sale. This rate is made on account of Confederate Day, June 22.

CHAS. CHANDLER,

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The Waterloo Democrat

### Riverton Notes.

Riverton, Ala., June 13, 1897.

Hello, to the Waterloo folks! We suppose that Sara feels too tough to write for The Tribune after the trip to Waterloo. We all feel pretty bad, but my! how we enjoyed the entertainment, and as they didn't run us off, we will try it again soon. We certainly did enjoy it and hope the Waterloo folks won't forget to come over to Riverton to Children's Day, the fourth Sunday in June. Mr. Easley and his Payne came across with the crowd in the flatboat after the entertainment. Will Ellis was so sleepy he could hardly go home and we haven't seen much of him since.

Mrs. Scott is visiting her son at South Riverton.

Mr. Ed Madden, of Sheffield, was in our city last week.

Dr. J. W. Lee preached at the Methodist church today.

J. E. Harris worked on his engine Sunday. "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Riverton looks rather dull since the "Lookout" went down the river and took most all the folks. We don't suppose they are very lonely, for they take The Tribune.

Roy Boblitt is sick, but we hope to see him out again soon.

We think Mr. Edwards and Tom Nave want to go to Waterloo again.

Miss Martha Dugger, of Iuka, Miss., is still with us teaching music.

Please excuse us for writing so much, but Riverton has been on such a boom since Tuesday night that it takes quite a while to write all the news. We will try to do better and not have so much next time. "Dot and Topsey"

### Riverton Lock.

Last week about thirty-five workmen were laid off at the Riverton lock, owing to the completion of certain parts of the work. Most of these were day laborers from the mucking crew. A crew is now at work erecting derricks to complete the laying of the mitre sills, which had to stop for several weeks on account of the overhead cable. Stone cutters are still at work finishing the stone necessary for this work.

The bids recently advertised for the construction of the basin approach to the lock were opened Tuesday. Ten days are allowed for the announcement of the result. It is said that Neely, Smith & Co., were the lowest bidders, and will secure the work. Maj. Kingman announced when on his last tour down here that this was to be a handsome piece of work.

Wednesday evening the derrick constructed to set the mitre-sill stones fell, because of a guy line breaking. It fell across the lock, barely missing the engine that operated it. Nobody hurt.

### Riverton Lock.

It has proved true, as stated in last week's Tribune, that the contract for excavating the approach to the lock at Riverton has been secured by Neeley, Smith & Co., of Chattanooga. The contract price is twenty-six cents per cubic yard, which is considered an extremely low price. Work will begin at an early day and many of the day laborers who have been suspended by the government since the completion of their work, are rejoicing at the prospect of good times ahead.

### Riverton Notes.

Riverton, Ala., June 22, 1897

Editor Tribune:—

As your correspondent from Riverton is "on the wing," this week, I shall do myself the honor to give you some stray notes.

This torrid weather produces a feeling of languor, but perhaps the "muses" have not taken flight altogether.

Our town is moving on in a quiet monotonous way.

The Riverton band gives us some sweet music occasionally, which arouses us from our slumbers. Last Friday night the band made it merrier by having an addition of several young ladies, which seemed to be a kind of inspiration to the young gentlemen.

The Misses Dugger and Messrs. Dugger, of Iuka, sisters and brothers of Miss Martha Dugger, visited her at Dr. Ellis' last Sunday.

The Riverton school has about sixty pupils enrolled.

We trust our friends will enjoy the children's exercises next Sunday, which will open at 9:30 (sharp) a. m.

Mrs. Sullivan, of Watertown, is visiting her daughters, Mesdames Allen and Craig.

Mr. Tom Crow and family returned from a visit to Florence last Monday.

Mrs. Sugg, of Sheffield, made a flying visit to her son, Mr. John Harris, this week.

Messrs. W. B. Bryant, Tom Nave, Jr., and Jack Crenshaw have gone to Nashville to attend the grand reunion.

For fear of the waste basket, I shall desist.  
Eggleston.

## RIVERTON NOTES.

Riverton, Ala., Jun. 1, 1897.

Editor Tribune:

Crops are in need of rain at present.

Mr. Roy Boblett has a considerable hankering up the road now.

Mr. Geo. T. Nellis went to Chattanooga last week on a business trip.

Miss Carrie Sullivan opened school Monday with a large attendance.

Monars, W. B. Moore and E. S. Cary left Tuesday on a drumming expedition.

Mr. Will Ellis has just returned from Iuka, where he had been to look after his interest.

Mr. Tom Barnett, of Muscle Shoals, was down Sunday on a visit to see his parents and U know who else.

It is rumored that Mr. Easley has heart trouble; he don't know what kind, but that it's a Payne.

Capt. Bowser, of Tusculum, went down to Clifton, Tenn., on the Clyde Tuesday to inspect a quarry at that place.

Mrs. J. R. Blankinship and children, returned home Saturday from a month's visit in Texas and Florence.

Mrs. Ellis and Miss Joe Cox went to Iuka Tuesday, to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. Thos. Spencer is away looking after his interest in Florence. Mr. Joe Wade has charge as general manager in the former's absence.

The steamer Luke Pryor, Jr., stopped at this place on her way up, and had her boiler patched. She had a cargo of corn for the upper river.

Well, brother Editor, I'll just wait and see if this letter misses the waste basket.

SARAH.

## WILL FIGHT THE NEW FERRY.

Mr. Spencer Will not Submit to Being Ousted.

A reporter of The Tribune was in Riverton Monday and had a talk with Mr. Thomas Spencer, the hotel man and ferryman, with regard to the proposed new ferry across the river at this point. Mr. Spencer is not disposed to submit tamely to the act of the Legislature that granted a ferry charter to Mr. J. W. White, of Waterloo. He declared that the act was illegal and would not stand the test of trial. When pressed for his grounds for this assertion, he said: "Why, I own a prior charter, granted by Lauderdale and Colbert county courts in pursuance of a legal custom more than fifty years old. The ferry has been continuously operated under this privilege, except for a while during the war."

"What if Mr. White or his associates should begin operating a ferry?" the reporter asked.

"Then," said Mr. Spencer, "I shall proceed against them according to law. I have a prior right; and my right cannot be superseded till its expiration, which is nearly ten years hence. My charter is not from the State of Alabama, but is made from the two counties under the State law. If Mr. White undertakes to start a ferry I will fight it to the last ditch."

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The Indianapolis journal., May 18, 1890, PART TWO, Page 16, Image 16. Source is CHronicling of

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Charles C. Ritter, brother of Mrs. M. V. B. Kline of Catawissa, was killed by the falling of a derrick on the 12th inst., at Riverton, Alabama, where he was superintending the building of a lock for the government. The remains were brought to Catawissa, and buried on Wednesday of last week.

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The Columbian., May 25, 1894, Page 8, Image 8  
The Columbian. (Bloomsburg, Pa.) Source is Chronicling of America.

FLORENCE (Ala.), July 21.—Jim Speaks, the negro who caused the trouble at Riverton, is probably swinging from a convenient limb between Riverton and Cherokee to-night. Speaks was captured near Riverton this morning, and officers started for Tuscumbia for him. An armed company started after the officers swearing they would hang the negro before he could be taken five miles. They undoubtedly carried out their threats.

Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 93, Number 150, 22 July 1897 — A Negro Lynched. Riverton, Alabama.

Nat. Easley Dead.

Nat. V. Easley died of malarial fever at Riverton, Alabama, last Sunday. The deceased was a teacher in our public schools here two years ago, and left to accept the position with the United States Engineer corps he held at the time of his death. He was unmarried and had many friends and relatives here who will regret to hear of his death.

The Comet., August 25, 1898. Johnson City, Tennessee. Source is Chronicling of America.

Name: Nathaniel Vincent Easley

Birth Place: Tennessee

Residence Date: 1 Jul 1897

Station or Residence Place: Colbert Shoals

Year: 1897

Title: Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service Together with a List of Vessels Belonging to the United States

The floating wharf is in use on the Tennessee river, as seen in the wharf boat at Paducah where the difference between high and low water is apparently much less than at Knoxville, where the difference is forty feet. At Riverton, Alabama, there is an incline with railway down to the water, two tracks being used by cable cars, or modernly likely, by auto trucks, which could be assisted by cables. At any rate, Keokuk should plan more for low water and tow boat service than for big steamers or barges either, and it is believed the saving herein indicated would be considerable. Yet the boat house idea would imply ample height of wall for occurrence of high water, and also provide landings high enough for record floods. The viaduct and boat house plan would avoid much filling, and what fill would be made could be with material on the spot.

The daily Gate City. (Keokuk, Iowa) 1855-1916, April 02, 1916. Source is Chronicling of America.



## NOTICE

Application for a license to establish and operate a public ferry across the Tennessee River from a point at or near Riverton, Alabama, to a point at or near Waterloo, Alabama:

Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of thirty days I shall make application to the Court of County Commissioners of Colbert County and to the Court of County Commissioners of Lauderdale County Alabama for a license to establish and operate a public ferry across the Tennessee River from a point at or near Riverton in Colbert County, the location of the said ferry to be the same as that now operated by me between the two points across the Tennessee River—the Northern Bank of said river at such point being in Section 11 or 12 in Lauderdale County and the Southern Bank of said River being in Section 12 or 14 in Colbert County, Alabama.

This January 17th., 1923.

JAMES P. PICKENS.

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Times Daily. Jan. 24, 1924. Florence, Alabama.

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old owners has for them, so to speak, been turned into gold, and men who counted their worldly possessions as of very little value, are to-day—because Alfred Parrish appreciated the situation and grasped it—rich beyond any conception they could have formed. Time-honored and time-worn Chickasaw Landing is being rapidly transformed into new Riverton. The cotton field has been platted for a business city. Great blast furnaces will lift their tall stacks skyward, and the fires of a monster rolling mill and steel plant, will blaze as beacon lights to mark another step forward in the industrial progress of a section whose magnificent resources are only just beginning to be drawn upon.

The plans have been approved, the stakes are set, hundreds of men are at work and a city is actually building like magic. In a few days an electric light plant will be in place and then with tireless steam shovels and grading machines, and by operating relays of men, the work of grading streets, building hotels, stores, residences, and industrial establishments, will be pushed by night as well as by day. Telephone and telegraph connections are being made, a railroad is building toward the city as rapidly as men can do the work, and before the summer

can do the work, and before the summer is over, the city of Riverton, as complete in its appointments and conveniences as a city of its age can possibly be, will mark the place on the map of the State of Alabama, which for so many years has been held by unimportant and unobtrusive Chickasaw Landing.

Asheville daily citizen. volume, May 28, 1890, Image 1

About Asheville daily citizen. volume (Asheville, N.C.) 1890-1900. Source is Chronicling of America. Library of Congress.

### Murder.

One of the most atrocious and deliberate murders ever perpetrated, was committed opposite Eastport, Miss., in Alabama on the 17th inst., by a man named Warren upon a Mr. Lambert, a very respectable and peaceable man. It seems, from what is known, that Warren, several month ago, had paid his addresses to a daughter of Mr. Lambert, and had, during their friendship, presented her with a breastpin. Through some cause their friendship was broken, and Warren then accused her of stealing the breastpin, and had her arrested as a thief. She was acquitted. Warren then threatened Mr. Lambert's life. Yesterday Lambert was engaged hauling corn, met Warren who had a double-barrel gun. He told Lambert he was going to kill him. Lambert was sitting upon his wagon when Warren fired upon him with one barrel. The charge broke Mr. L.'s left arm, and entered his side, and as he fell Warren discharged the other barrel into Mr. Lambert's hip. Twenty-three buck shot entered his person, killing him instantly. Warren was arrested and examined this evening, from which the above facts were obtained. The public feeling is greatly excited against him.

Not sure if this happened in Waterloo or Riverton. The primitive The primitive Republican., October 30, 1851. Columbus, Mississippi. Source is Chronicling of America.

Waterloo and vicinity who attended this institution. Pre-normal courses were offered for those students who lacked the proper secondary education for college entrance.

In 1880, there were two hundred fifty people in Waterloo. By 1910, there were four hundred thirty-five, and during that thirty years had been the greatest growth as far as education was concerned in the community.

In the early 1890's, a young man came down from Peabody to teach. He was Donald J. Edwards, later a real estate dealer in Florence. Mr. Edwards was not only a good teacher, he was a good school builder, for it was through his efforts that a four room school was built. He labored for some years at Waterloo, having as one of his teachers, Mr. Homer L. Reeder, now a cotton broker in Florence. In 1900, a Mr. Rutledge became principal of the school. He must have been a very farsighted, progressive schoolman, for through his efforts some of the best teachers of the area were brought to the community.

churches in the area. One of these was located in Waterloo, one at Wright, and one about six miles up Second Creek. The latter, Williams Chapel, is still in use today, and is the only Presbyterian church in the west part of the county. The Church of Christ was also a new denomination in the community about this time.

It is not known when the Baptist church was organized in Waterloo. There seems to be a sad dearth of church records in the entire section.

A newspaper, **The Waterloo Record**, was published in 1898-99. The editor was Irvine Mather, and his paper was an up-to-date one for that small place. Later, another paper, the **Young Southerner**, was printed. Mr. Carey Potts, long time mail carrier, who now lives in Florence, was the 'devil' for this paper.

During the first decade of the present century, the terminal monopoly enjoyed by Waterloo during the low water season was taken over by Riverton. A railroad spur had been built from River-



## COLBERT LOCK NOTES.

Written for The Tribune.

The recent rise in the river has caused considerable commotion at the lock. The great overflow of last year, when the incomplete lock was filled with a mass of earth, debris and filth of all kinds, was remembered, and every precaution was taken to avoid a repetition of it.

A sloop was built early during the rise, the object being to flood the lock by this means with free water before it burst in. However, the rise has not been sufficient yet to warrant its use.

The lower track south of the lock has been afloat for several days, from water backing in from the bottom lands.

Mr. McKinney has spent some time on the yard with his crew moving lumber, ties, &c., and weighting them down with railroad iron to prevent their floating away.

Mr. Roy Boblett, who was in charge of the overhead cable engine, has been suspended, and Mr. T. M. Barnett placed in charge. Mr. Boblett has gone to his home at Lincoln, Ala.

The "Lookout" went up to Florence Tuesday with a lot of condemned plunder for the inspection of the condemning officer who is said to be there.

Last Friday, while Capt. Slattery's crew were drawing the overhead cable towers, a line parted and Alfred Kelly, colored laborer, was hit by the blocks, sustaining painful injuries.

The stone-cutters were all laid off last Friday, on account of a scarcity of stone. No more stone will be shipped to the works till spring opens, probably about April 1. The mitre mills are yet to be cut, but this will be postponed.

Mr. Wm. Powers, one of the most popular stone-cutters, took his family to Tusculum this week, where he will leave his children in school.

The February payroll was signed Wednesday.



# W. B. MOORE, RIVERTON, ALABAMA.

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## Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Patent Medicines,

Sponges, Syringes, Soaps, Combs and Brushes, Perfumery, Fancy and Toilet Articles, and all goods usually kept by druggists. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded, and all orders correctly answered. Goods selected with great care and warranted.

The belled Buzzard has appeared in this section. It was seen by Sam Qualls Tuesday, and he also heard the tinkling of the bell. It was going in an easterly direction and passed over the town.

Work on the Riverton lock is progressing rapidly. The slope on the south side of the lock has been sodded with Bermuda grass, and presents a pretty appearance. The lock-keeper's residence will be built above this slope. Sod has also been placed on the lot about the office building.

...son, spread the news.  
We are informed that there is a prospect of Dr. R. J. Moore buying the Spencer hotel site in Riverton and rebuilding the hotel there.

Invitations are out for a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Swinford, Riverton, next Wednesday night. A large number of our Waterloo young people are expected to attend.

### Barks.

The Str. Sheffield, Capt. Till, was on time Sunday morning and discharged at Riverton five car-loads of corn. She went to Brush Creek and took on 18 cords of tan-bark and on returning to Waterloo received 20,000 feet of lumber.

The Str. Chattanooga passed up the river with a tow of barges on Saturday afternoon.

The Str. Clyde touched our port Monday night, enroute to Florence. She returned Wednesday morning.

### So Says the Manager of the Citizens Telephone Co.

While in Florence last week the editor of The Tribune had a conversation with Mr. F. L. Hawley, the new manager of the Citizens Telephone Company, just prior to his departure for Talladega, whence he will at once remove his family to Florence.

Mr. Hawley said his company would immediately after his return proceed to extend its line to different points, and Waterloo would be one of the first points reached. On the route down here they hoped to place instruments at Oakland, Rhodesville, Smithsonia, Gravelly Springs, Wright, etc., and from here the line would be extended to Riverton, Haddock, Walnut Grove, Savannah and other points in Tennessee, where they would connect with some other independent line that probably runs into Nashville and other cities. From Florence the Citizens Company will also send lines to Centre Bar and Sheffield, by the former route taking in Muscle Shoals Canal, Allen, etc.

Thus they propose to broaden their business and extend their territory until they will have the most satisfactory service in this section.

Mr. Hawley will come to Waterloo in the course of a week or two when the final arrangements will be made for running the line.

### Colbert Lock

Work on the Lock is rapidly nearing completion. At present a strong force of stone-cutters and masons are building the lift wall at the upper end. This is one of handsomest pieces of work yet done. Inside the walls, the last of the rock is being quarried and taken out, and soon the work of tearing down and removing the lower and cable will begin.

Behind the guard wall around the culverts on the South side of the lock is one of the finest mineral springs in this section. There is a constant stream flowing from it of pure crystal water, which is not excelled by the famous springs at Iuka. Its medicinal qualities have been demonstrated. During these warm days it is as cold as ice and very refreshing. It is drunk by all the employes at the lock, while many visitors come out for a draught of it.

### A Social Item.

As announced previously the reception came off at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swinford, in Riverton, Wednesday night, and was a grand success.

There was a large and merry party of young folk from all the neighboring towns, and nothing could have been more pleasantly enjoyable.

Music, both vocal and instrumental, interspersed with choice games and merry conversation were some of the features.

At 11 o'clock refreshments were served, and then more music was rendered, until both hands of the clock pointed to the hour of twelve, when the guests took their departure declaring this a model reception and heaping pretty compliments upon the host and his fair bride.

## RIVERTON NOTES.

Riverton, Ala., May 5, 1897.

Editor Tribune:

As there is no one writing from this place, have concluded to drop you a few lines from "Rivington."

Miss Carrie Sullivan's school commenced at this place with thirty-one pupils yesterday.

Miss Mattie Dugger, of Iuka, is teaching a music class here.

Mr. J. R. Blankenship leaves us today for a two weeks' visit to friends in Texas and Indian Territory. He will be relieved by Mr. Will Tharp, from main line of the N. A. railway.

John Harris has gone into the fishing business at this place. He has fished only one week and has caught two fish.

William Ellis is pulling the bell cord over old "Grey Beck." Will says that he knows he will make a good farmer, for he hasn't been spoiled in learning.

We have a shadow-catcher in town. Come over, boys, and have your shadow caught for your best girl, as it will only cost you five cents each.

Success to The Tribune.

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Miss Carrie Sullivan returned to Riverton Monday and resumed teaching the school there. Her school has been closed for several months on account of the continued illness of her father.

Seymour Rushing, one of our industrious colored citizens, has had the misfortune lately to lose both of his farm horses. This is a hard loss for a man in Seymour's circumstances to recover from.

The postoffice at Riverton has been changed from the storehouse of Buchanan & Sloan to that of A. A. Allen & Co., and Mr. Altamont Allen will in future act as deputy for the postmistress, Mrs. Mays.

A large delegation of our colored citizens went over to Riverton Saturday to attend conference of the A. M. E. church. But owing to absence of the presiding elder the conference was postponed to next Saturday.

Dr. Geo. T. McWhirter, of Riverton, has recently purchased a fine bull of the "Rose of Sharon" stock. Dr. McWhirter is an enthusiastic stock man, and believes strongly in improving the quality of stock now being raised in this section.

Col. Swartz, of the str. Bryen, was met by the steamboat inspectors at Riverton Thursday last and on investigation it was found that he was running his boat without a licensed engineer. The result so far as known is that the Colonel has gone to Florence with the inspectors. It is not known whether he is under arrest or not. We would have thought Col. Swartz a better steamboatman than circumstances have proven him to be.

### Boats.

So exceedingly scant is the water in the river channel now that the regular packet boats cannot reach this point. All the heavy steamers come no higher than Savannah, and from there reship their freight per Bryan up the river to this point.

On Sunday of last week the new boat, "Tennessee," slipped her hawser at Paducah and steamed up the river, whose name she bears, on her maiden trip. She had a good cargo and towed a barge. Owing to the water's shallow stage she sank the barge at Paris Landing, Tenn., and came on without it. No damage was done the boat.

The Bryan arrived here on Friday morning after being grounded at Bear Creek Shoals all Thursday night. She brought a good freight, which was taken from the Tennessee and delivered at this port.

The City of Sheffield is on the ways at Paducah undergoing repairs and will, in two weeks, enter the trade between Paducah and St. Louis.

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## RIVERTON NOTES.

Riverton, Ala., Oct. 4, 1897.

Editor Tribune:

Since my pleasant, yet sad visit to your town, last week, I should like to express some of my thoughts and feelings, through your worthy paper.

The dear old friends of Waterloo have a tender spot in my memory. They are "true and tried," and wherever I may go I shall never find any for whom I can cherish a fonder, more sincere affection. These are the friends of my happy childhood days, the friends who ministered to me in my dark hours of sorrow, and shed tears of sympathy which softened our deep grief. We appreciate the cordial welcome which was given us in their different hospitable homes—it touches our heart to hear expression "you have no better than I." What would this be without friends? "A night without a star, a desert without an oasis," would bless them!

However, the visit to "the old home" revived sad memories. The dear, precious old Aunt and Father were not at the door to welcome us. Ah! no! those familiar faces are gone. There are "vacant chairs" and silent foot-steps. The family circle is broken, the tender ties are severed and we can only shed tears of bitter grief as we retrospect the past. "Such is life," and we can bow in prayer for sweet resignation to His will. We fully realize the sentiment of the song "The old home is not what it used to be."

We were made sad also by the death of our old friend and schoolmate, Mr. J. R. Humphrey, who calmly passed away yesterday. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the grief-stricken family. Another home overshadowed by death.

We certainly enjoyed the practical, earnest sermons of Bros. Smith and Randle. We sincerely trust the meeting at Waterloo will result in a glorious revival. With three such consecrated ministers as Bros. Smith, Hayes, Randle and that noble little band of zealous, Christian workers it really seems that great good might be accomplished. Rev. Theo. Copeland is now with them, and ready to strike the chords (which are already vibrating,) with his soul-stirring, heart-searching discourses. Our esteemed, pure-hearted pastor is at the helm giving impetus to the clogged wheels of Zion, yes and rejoicing at every revolution for good works.

that's cheek."

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### Meeting at Carey's.

Rev. T. W. Hayes informs The Tribune that the meeting at Carey's Chapel, near Riverton, which closed Monday, was a fine one. There were 20 conversions and 17 additions to the church. Mr. Hayes was assisted in the meeting by Rev. Mr. Smith, of Lawrence county. Great interest was aroused and the church would not hold the crowds attending. A movement is now on foot to enlarge the building.

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### Boats.

A small tow-boat came down the river on Sunday last and startled some of our people with the blood-curdling tones of its wildcat whistle. It was en route for Paducah.

The Clyde made this port late Monday evening with a small freight. The river being very low she discharged her cargo at the ferry landing, a half mile below the regular wharf. She returned Tuesday at noon.

The Bryan met the Clyde at Riverton Tuesday morning and relieved her of the up-river freight.

The new steamer, Tennessee, will be up in the Clyde's place next week, and the Clyde will be transferred to the St. Louis trade.

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Mr. Jas. Bevis last week found a curious coin. It was a dime of 1846, and was of brass covered with a thin silver plate. The silver had worn off in places and the brass showed plainly.

A few stonecutters were put to work at Riverton last Tuesday. It is reported that the force will be gradually increased till a full force is at work cutting stone for the wing walls.

The school exhibition at Riverton Friday night last is reported as being a most delightful affair.

#### Fire in Riverton.

Last Sunday night the residence of Mr. William Whittaker burned to the ground in Riverton. The family were all in bed and asleep, and were awakened by some of the neighbors who saw the fire. The building was a total loss, and very little of the furniture and household effects were saved. It is not known how the fire originated, as there had been no fire in the house for about twelve hours. Mr. Whittaker is the mail carrier between Waterloo and Riverton and has the sympathy of many friends on both sides of the river.

#### DEATHS

##### Mrs. E. E. Mays.

Mrs. E. E. Mays died at her home at Riverton last Sunday morning at one o'clock. Mrs. Mays was seventy-eight years of age, and has spent the greater part of her life in that community. For many years she has been the postmistress there, the change of administration not affecting her appointment. She had a wide circle of friends who regret her death. Mrs. Mays was the mother of Mr. Bob Harland, of Riverton. She had been a member of the Methodist church for sixty-four years. She was buried at Riverton Sunday evening. Rev. T. W. Hayes conducting the services.

## RIVERTON NOTES.

Riverton, Ala., Sept. 22, 1907.

Editor Tribune:

This delightful weather is most invigorating after having had such exceptionally warm weather. It is said, to mention the weather is an indication of a shallow pate, but sometimes we must have something to fill up space.

We have had a school entertainment, "shows," some sad deaths and one "house-burning," since we last wrote for your paper, but it would be rather out of date to expatiate now.

Life is full of changes. The old people of our town are passing away. Let us cherish their memory, and drop a tear of sympathy with the bereaved friends and relatives. Mrs. Mays and Mr. Thompson were two old citizens of the town, and are sadly missed.

Mrs. W. T. Craig, of Cherokee, returned home today after a short visit to Mr. E. H. Craig.

Dr. Scott and mother are registered at the Swinford House.

Mrs. Finley, of Tusculum, is visiting her daughter, Miss Pattie, at Terrytown. Miss Finley's school will close next Friday.

Chills have become somewhat epidemic at Riverton. Mr. Craig's family have been victims, but are now convalescent.

There is some excitement about yellow fever here, but no panic as yet. We hope not to become necessitated to quarantine against our neighboring town.

Mrs. Tom Spencer has been quite sick, but is recovering.

The Teacher's Institute at Tusculum, was very interesting indeed. Prof. Wilson, VanWise and Gilbert were in attendance on Saturday, and delivered excellent addresses. We were the guest of Mr. A. H. Carmichael, and never was more highly entertained than by him and his amiable and attractive wife. Mr. Carmichael is one of the most genial, hospitable gentlemen we have ever met. He is intelligent, and very popular. We trust he will be elected judge. We also appreciate the kindness of Mesdames Coulson, East and Russell.

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Eglantine.

**James Donohue.**

Mr. James Donohue, a gentleman who was conducting a small mercantile business at Riverton, died last Friday morning at his home there, of flux. He was buried Friday evening, services being conducted by Rev T. W. Hayes.

**Stonewall Jackson.**

Died—on Thursday night last, on Bear creek, a few miles south of Riverton, a young man named Stonewall Jackson, of flux. He was well known in Riverton, having worked on the lock there.



