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The Glorious Fourth.

There will be a grand celebration of the nation's natal day at Pleasure Park. The ceremonies will begin this morning at nine o'clock with a novice bicycle race, and conclude with a foot race at six in the afternoon.

The program, with a probable change or two, will be as follows:

- PROGRAM.
- 9 o'clock—Half mile novice bicycle race.
- 9:30—Two-mile handicap bicycle race, open to all comers.
- 9:30—Colored foot race, two hundred yards.
- 9:40—Half mile bicycle race, for championship of Excelsior Bicycle Club.
- 10:00—Colored base ball game—Lake Charles vs. Alexandria.
- 10:30—Slippery pole climbing contest, open to all.
- 12:00—Obstacle race, open to all.
- 12:30—Cake race. The man who can eat the most cake in shortest time to win. No choking will be allowed under any circumstances.
- 1:00—Boys foot race.
- 1:20—Colored boys bicycle race.
- 1:30—Half mile bicycle race, open to all.
- 1:35—Tandem race against single wheel.
- 1:45—Half mile boys bicycle race.
- 1:50—Military drill and sharpshooting.
- 2:00—Base ball game, Jennings vs. Lake Charles.
- 3:45—One mile bicycle race for championship of Southwest Louisiana.
- 4:00—Half mile colored bicycle race.
- 4:15—Sack race.
- 4:30—Five mile handicap bicycle race, open to all.
- 4:45—Horse race, half mile running.
- 5:00—Same.
- 5:15—Gents driver, one-half mile dash. Owner to drive.
- 5:30—Slow mule race.
- 5:45—Red-hot foot race, crack runners.
- 6:00—Race to catch dummy. Valuable prizes will be awarded each and every event.

STATE ENCAMPMENT.

Company A of Baton Rouge Selects Sponsor and Maids of Honor.

Special to the Times-Democrat. Baton Rouge, June 27th.—Company A of the First Regiment, located at Baton Rouge, is making extensive preparations for the encampment, to be held at Lake Charles next month. The certainty of an encampment has awakened an unusual spirit of interest among the members of this company, and it is believed that they will march into camp not less than fifty men strong.

For some weeks past the company has been drilling three times a week, and it is stated that they intend drilling every day from now on till the encampment. These drills consist of close and extended order in company drills, and target practice.

It may not be amiss to say that the boys are confident of carrying away their share of the honors. At the encampment there will be a contest in company competitive drills for a prize of \$50, and there will also be offered a silver cup for the best score at target range.

The company have selected a sponsor and maids of honor, who will accompany them to Lake Charles. In making their selection the boys have spared no pains to combine in their choice the charms of beauty, grace and talent.

The sponsor is Miss Almer Hebert, and the maids of honor are Miss Jennie Schorten and Miss Almer Manser.

Cotton is favorably reported upon generally throughout all sections, though there are some localities where it is reported to have stopped growing on account of lack of sufficient moisture, affected by low and wet, and a little shading. The crop is generally clean, looking well, and will be a good one if generous showers fall in the near future.

Fuss and No Basis.

Those who oppose Governor Foster and the limited Constitutional convention have harped day in and day out on the statement that the governor of Louisiana is possessed of power beyond all reason. They have declared that his appointive power enabled him to control the politics of the entire State, and that he was in a position to defeat or carry any proposition or any man before the people of the State. Governor Nicholls, before Governor Foster, was abused in a like manner, because the people chose to put in his hands certain powers to maintain the supremacy of the white people in the State, and Governor McEnery was likewise a target for abuse when he held the reins of government.

Have you thought seriously over this statement? Do you know what appointive power his excellency has? As a matter of fact, Governor Foster has now less appointive power than any Democratic governor in Louisiana since reconstruction days, and so far as the parishes are concerned he is shorn of any authority in choosing their officers, except with respect to the assessors. The Governor doesn't appoint judges or clerks of courts or district attorneys, or justices of the peace or members of the School Boards or police juries, and he has more authority as far as appointments go in the city of New Orleans than in all the parishes put together.

Up to last April the governor had the right to name the police juries. The Constitution of 1879 had wisely vested in the Legislature the privilege of passing a bill allowing the chief executive to name the jurors in the interest of the maintenance of white supremacy, and for the reason that when the Constitution of 1879 was adopted many of the parishes were still in the hands of the Republicans and there was great danger if the jurors were made elective many negroes would go into office. But the last Legislature determined that beginning with the election of 1896 the people should be permitted to select their own local legislators and the chief ground for the statement as to the excess of power lodged in the executive was removed. It is a common impression that the Governor names the members of the School Boards. That is erroneous. His excellency presides in his official capacity as chairman of the State Board of Education, but the Board itself names the members of the parish boards, and the Governor simply participates along with his co-members in selecting the directors.

And the little power that is still left in the hands of the executive, that to name assessors, is likely also to be taken away from him, for there is a growing demand in the country for a law that will assessors on the same footing with police jurors.

The new election law does not add to the power of the Governor in controlling elections. Under the old law the three supervisors were appointed, one by the clerk of the court, one by the police jury and one by the Governor. As the juries were named by Governor Foster there was some reason for the charge that it was absolutely in his hands to dominate the boards of supervisors. In providing, therefore, that the assessors should be a member of the board of supervisors the Democratic party simply provided that there should be as much power lodged in the hands of the chief magistrate under the new as there was under the old, with the undesignated purpose, of course, of insuring the continuance of Democratic white domination in Louisiana until the Constitutional convention takes up and settles the question of the suffrage.—Staff Correspondence Daily States.

Rice has improved by reason of the rains, but the amount of water was not sufficient to flood the crop in all parts of Southwest Louisiana, and there is, therefore, some complaint of grass and weeds from that portion of the rice belt. The rainfall having been quite heavy over the southeastern and southern parishes, the rice crop fared better over these sections. The lower Mississippi river declined steadily during the week and a continued decline is in prospect for several weeks.

FOR SILVER AND BOIES.

Col. Shepperd Scores Whitney While Talking on the Financial Question.

New York, June 29.—Col. J. H. Shepperd, of Louisiana, is at the Waldorf Hotel with a 16 to 1 smile on his face. He is on his way to Chicago to vote for silver and Boies. When the correspondent of the Times-Democrat saw him to-day he said:

"We consider Mr. Whitney's remarks against silver both impertinent and insulting.

"It is purely an act of supererogation on his part to remain in America and attack the advocates of silver. He should remember in the South and West the advocacy of silver is one of faith, and with him and the goldbugs of the East the advocacy of gold is merely a business expedient. He clearly does not understand the deep feeling that prevails in the South and West. It amounts to a religion almost, and yet with an airy style that is peculiarly tantalizing, he assails the views of people who are more in earnest than he, and who believe as they do not to grow rich, but in order to make a living."

"Do you think Mr. Whitney will check the silver men at Chicago?"

"He will be rolled over so quickly he will not know what struck him, and besides he will lose what prestige he now has. Senators Gorman and Bruce do not intend to go because they see the handwriting on the wall. They are wise in their generation."

"What about contesting delegations?"

"The Don Dickinson gold delegation from Michigan will be unseated, and the man who worships Cleveland and does his bidding will have those ginger-colored side whiskers of his clipped by the convention so quick he will think a Kansas cyclone had struck him. And what is more, the rules will be changed so that the majority will nominate a candidate instead of two-thirds. I think Boies will be nominated and he will carry the solid South."

As to capitalists being timid about Southern investments, Col. Shepperd said it was all nonsense.

"Why, a Holland syndicate," he added, "is now building a railroad from Kansas City to Port Arthur, on the gulf coast, and it is one of the biggest enterprises now under way in this country. The South is just beginning to develop, and if we can elect a free silver President it will blossom like a rose, and thousands of factories and mills will be started. No, sir, level-headed capitalists are now investing in the South."

An Order From South Africa.

Those who noted the article in "the lumber trade department" of the Times-Democrat, last week, on the possibilities of South Africa as a market for the lumber of the Gulf mills will be interested to learn that this trade is now in a fair way of being opened up. The Reliance Lumber Company, of Beaumont, Tex., has booked an order for the Transvaal country, the first Texas timber to go to that destination. It is said to be a very desirable cargo, of the usual timber specifications, aggregating 1,000,000 feet or something over 500 standards as lumber is measured in Europe and Africa. In forwarding the schedule the purchasers give assurance that they will want other cargoes soon, their trade with South African countries being very large. The demand for lumber in that region is now great owing to the growing towns and the opening up of vast mining industries.

Beaumont, by the way, is getting to be a prominent exporting town. The Consolidated Export Lumber Company has built up a large foreign business, and so has the Reliance Lumber Company. Recently buying firms have established offices there, and these will add much to the business and prestige of the Sabine Pass district as a timber exporting port. Among the latter firms may be mentioned T. E. Spottedwood & Co., exporters who will handle the business by way of Sabine Pass. Another exporter there is George Higgins, representing Martin, Taylor & Co., of Mobile, Ala. This firm will take a portion of the cut of the mills on the Sabine and East Texas Railroad, and on the Kansas road as well as on the Gulf coast.

Our popular Druggist, Mr. M. D. Keeney, has secured the agency for White's Head-Rice, the King of all Headache remedies. Dr. A. H. Ryan, Homeopathist. If you are not the Government, you are not the Government, you are not the Government.

firms through the Pass will no doubt be large.

The lumbermen of the East Texas district are wise in their efforts to cultivate this trade. In the first place, it is profitable in itself; secondly, every foot sent out of the country relieves the domestic market to just that extent. The work has but just begun. As soon as the new railroad connections with the North and complete, ships will be more ready to make the port, as they can bring in cargoes for the interior and take out lumber. The movement promises to not only build up a large branch of the lumber business, but to foster an important general commerce as well.

District Attorney Vacancy.

The Times-Democrat correspondent, at this place, sent the appended special to his paper last Monday:

"J. C. Munday, a member of the executive committee of Calcasieu parish, wired Gov. Foster to know if he would consider the indorsement of that committee in appointing a district attorney to fill the vacancy in the twelfth judicial district. Mr. Paul A. Sompayrac, an applicant, had just returned from Baton Rouge, where he had made a successful canvass for votes, and secured seventeen out of the twenty-seven Democratic Senators, many changing their names from Mr. Mitchell's petition and placing them on his, besides indorsed by Secretary Michel and Attorney General Cunningham. Though Mr. Sompayrac was indorsed by a large majority of the business men of Lake Charles, and in addition by Senator Ryan, of Vernon, who is in the twelfth judicial district, he concluded to make a fight in the executive committee, and succeeded in securing seven votes out of the twelve, but the members who supported Mr. Winston Overton, seeing their candidate was defeated, concluded to combine with those opposed to making recommendations with the result of none being made. Mr. Sompayrac has some very ardent supporters in the district and at Baton Rouge, who will push the fight."

Cuba Has Money, But Arms are Lacking.

Special to Daily States. Jackson, Miss., July 2.—J. Nelson Polhamus, the agent of the Cuban revolutionary party for the States of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, was in Jackson yesterday and among other things said: "We are not lacking in money for only a few days we sold \$2,000,000 of bonds of the republic of Cuba, and an English syndicate has agreed to take \$9,000,000 more of them at 68 cents on the dollar. "What we need is arms and ammunition. We have men enough to put 50,000 more in the field if we could but equip them. "The ultimate freedom of Cuba is a certainty. Spain cannot stand the strain much longer. She has sent 150,000 troops to Cuba and she is in debt, her credit is at a low ebb and the pay of her soldiers is four months in arrears. The Spanish soldiers in the trenches are dying by hundreds from yellow fever, small pox and scurvy. The food issue to the Spaniards is simply garlic soup and hard tack. "The Cuban government is fully organized and has control of the entire interior, Salvador Cisneros is president and the capital at Montes Obatus, near Pareto Principe. There is no doubt of Cuban success."

Mr. Polhamus was taken to the executive office and introduced to Gov. McEnery, whom he had expressed a desire to meet. The Governor received him very cordially and Mr. Polhamus thanked him on behalf of Cuba for signing the resolutions passed by the Legislature, calling on Congress to recognize the belligerency of Cuba.

Governor McEnery assented him of his hearty sympathy with the insurgents.

A special from Batavia, N. Y., last Monday, says: Jerome Brown, a rich banker and father of Lansing Brown, the California statesman who has challenged Corbett to meet her in a scientific sparring contest, committed suicide on reading the challenge.

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Sheriff's Sale. Twelfth Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 2107. Abe Mayer vs. C. T. Perkins. BY VIRTUE of a writ of Subpoena issued and to me directed by the honorable court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, without the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this parish, in the city of Lake Charles, La., on Wednesday, July 18, 1896, between legal hours, the following described property, situated in the parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

The Northwest quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Township Eight (8) South, Range Six (6) West, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, together with all the improvements, rights, ways and privileges to the same belonging or in any way appertaining thereto. Seized under and to satisfy said writ. Terms.—This being the second offering of the above described property will be sold for cash, and the purchaser will have to pay within ten days, purchaser to furnish bond with good solvent security, and accept of said price, per annum interest from date until paid; costs and charges to amount to \$25.00 more or less, to be paid out of price bid. A. L. LYONS, Sheriff of Calcasieu Parish, La. Sheriff's Office, Lake Charles, La., June 23rd, 1896. Wells & Wells, Esqs., Attys for Plaintiff. (June 27, '96.)

Succession Sale. Twelfth Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana. Estate of Fredericka A. Perkins, Deceased. Probate Docket No. 88.

BY VIRTUE of and pursuant to an order of the Honorable Court aforesaid, dated June 26th, 1896, and of a commission issued thereunder, and to me directed by the court, I, George Lock, the duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Fredericka A. Perkins, deceased, do hereby offer for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the court house, in Lake Charles, on Wednesday, July 27, 1896, the following described property, belonging to the succession of Fredericka A. Perkins, deceased, and situated in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, to-wit: Three (3) plain bedsteads. One (1) lot kitchen furniture and crockery. Lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, in Block 7, and all of Blocks 26, 46, 47 and 48 of the Mobile and Lake Charles, La. and the North half of Lake Charles, La., according to plat of Thos. Kleininger, of record in the office of Clerk of Court, Parish of Calcasieu, and the North half of property belonging to said succession.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The above described property to be sold on a credit of 12 months, to be secured by bond, with two solvent sureties to the satisfaction of executor, with vendor's lien and special mortgage retained in favor of property until purchase price has been fully satisfied. GEORGE LOCK, Testamentary Executor. June 25th, 1896. Pujot & Moss, Attorneys. (June 27, '96-97.)

Succession Sale. Twelfth Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 897. Succession of Celeste Marcantel.

BY VIRTUE of an order of Court, and a commission issued on the 19th day of June, 1896, and to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I, Joseph Marcantel, do hereby offer for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of said deceased, near French Camp, Calcasieu Parish, La., beginning at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, July 27th, 1896, all the property belonging to the community of said deceased Celeste Marcantel and surviving husband, Joseph Marcantel, and described as follows, to-wit: 1st. The South half of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirteen (13), Township Eight (8) South, Range Six (6) West, containing 40 2/3 acres. 2d. Three yoke of oxen. 3d. Four gentle horses. 4th. Six head of gentle cattle. 5th. One lot household and kitchen furniture. 6th. One lot of Agricultural Implements. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The real property, one-fourth cash on day of sale, and balance on a credit of one, two and three years, in three equal annual installments with interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from date of notes given for the said credit portion, said notes payable to the order of the Administrator, and the clause of 10 per cent additional for attorney's fees if placed in the hands of an approved personal security to the satisfaction of the Administrator. All of said notes with the addition of interest, and in case of failure to pay any of the series of said notes, the whole series shall become due and exigible.

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