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## The Arizona Kicker.

Wednesday evening last, Mrs. General Beechem gave an "at home" in order to show off a \$40 dress she has lately received from New York, and as she had her invitations printed at the office of our esteemed contemporary, she felt under obligations to include him in the list. How the old critter ever worked up nerve enough to attend is a mystery to us, as the only society he is used to is that of Sing Lung, his Chinese laundryman, and his old bobtailed dog. In paying his respects to the hostess he fell over a \$5 gilt chair and broke it to pieces, and in swallowing a glass of punch he got some of the liquid down the wrong way and almost coughed his blamed old head off. Later in the evening he wiped his shin on a window curtain and broke the glass with his elbow. As a grand culmination he called Maj. Shorter a liar, and was flung out doors in the mud. Mrs. Beechem's embarrassment and vexation could not be concealed, but she has only herself to blame. A blooming old cadaver who never attended a dog fight or spelling school can't be expected to mingle in high-toned society and make much of a success of it.

Friday morning a half-breed named Joe Chin was found dead in the road about a mile west of town, and a coroner's investigation revealed the fact he had drunk the contents of a two quart jug containing horse medicine. Joe Chin is the critter who stole and ate five pounds of roller composition belonging to the Kicker office. It gave him cramps for three or four days, but he eventually became frisky again. One of the ingredients of the medicine was antimony, but it took the full two quarts to make Joe lay down. He was the biggest thief and liar for a hundred miles around, and no one will regret his taking off. Why the Vigilance Committee didn't hang him long ago is a matter to be wondered over, though it may be that the shortness of his neck had something to do with it. It could not have been broken by anything less than a fall of fifty feet. It is no use hoping Joe is with the angels. He's gone where it would burn the feathers of angel's wings like dry grass.

Our esteemed contemporary came out with a column sensation last week regarding the incident at the Bald Eagle poker room, which does two of our fellow-townsmen grave injustice. Both of them have called at his office several times to unjoin his spinal column, but the critter is in hiding and cannot be found. The incident referred to was a mere trifle, Mr. Stephen Green was playing poker with Colonel O'Dyer. A hand came out in which both got three aces, and they raised each other until there was \$50 on the table. When Steve finally "called" the Colonel and hands were shown, both arose and drew their guns. We grabbed the Colonel and Judge Graham grabbed Steve, and after a little argument both were convinced that the six aces had been packed up with the deck by the maker. Neither man had attempted to cheat, but it was simply one of those curious incidents in poker which no one can account for. There was no shooting, no hard words. When the matter had been duly explained the gentlemen shook hands and sat down and resumed the game.

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## Unclaimed Direct Tax.

A few years ago the State of Louisiana received from the National Government in round numbers \$314,000 as Louisiana's share of the direct tax which was ordered refunded to the parties who originally paid it, by the act of congress. Of that amount about \$211,000 has been repaid to the parties or their legal representatives, from whom it was collected, thus leaving in the hands of the State officials \$103,000 yet unclaimed.

The bulk of this sum is made up of small amounts, ranging from 50 cents to two or three dollars. It is quite likely that the parties to whose credit these sums appear, owing to the fact that many have died or moved away coupled with the insignificance of the amount, will never put in a claim for them, and therefore the greater part of the money will remain in the State treasury until otherwise disposed of.

Auditor Heard says that but few inquiries are now received from claimants concerning it, and it is estimated that at least \$100,000 will remain unapplied for at the end of the five years allowed by law for parties to prove up their claim which will expire next March.

The question is now being discussed as to the best disposition to make of this fund; and to that end Representative Wade has introduced a bill in the legislature providing that the direct tax fund remaining in the treasury after next March be invested in State securities, and the annual interest thereof be applied in behalf of ambitious children throughout the State who may seek a higher education.

If the unclaimed portion of the direct tax fund should amount to \$100,000, and it is invested in State bonds which can now be bought at 98 to 99 cents, the annual interest thereon would amount to something over \$4,000. Allowing each student \$200 per annum, this interest would materially assist 20 deserving children in securing a finished education in one of the three educational institutions of the State.

The Gazette heartily approves of such a disposition of the fund, and hopes that the legislature will adopt it, and thereby place within the reach of many deserving children of the State a college education.—Farmerville Gazette.

The sick man knocking at the door of health gets in if he knocks the right way, and stays out if he doesn't. There are thousands of ways of getting sick but only one way to get well. Do whatever you will, if you do not put your digestion in good order, and make your blood rich and pure, you will not get well. Rich, pure blood is the only thing that can bring perfect health. Constipation is a disease of the blood. A large part of all diseases are traceable directly to impurities in the blood and, can be cured by eliminating them with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The first thing it does is to put the whole digestive system into perfect order. It stimulates the appetite, excites a copious secretion of the digestive fluids and promotes assimilation. It searches out disease germs wherever they may be, kills them and forces them out of the system. The "Golden Medical Discovery" has been used with unvarying success for over 30 years.

Saturday afternoon we received a pleasant call from Mr. Howard Newsome of Orange, and Mr. Tom Lamont of Lake Charles. Mr. Newsome recently purchased the Orange Marine Ways, which will be conducted under the immediate supervision of Mr. Lamont, who is a practical and experienced shipbuilder. These gentlemen spent Saturday in Beaumont looking the field over with a view to establishing a similar business at this point. Both seemed favorably impressed, and spoke in flattering terms of the city's future growth and greatness.—Beaumont Review.

## FIRST REGIMENT, L. S. N. G.

Preparation for This Month's Encampment at Lake Charles.

Special to the Times-Democrat.  
Lake Charles, July 4.—The encampment of the First Regiment Infantry, L. S. N. G., which will take place in the city July 14 to 23, inclusive, is exciting a great deal of interest, and extensive preparations for the reception and accommodations of the regiment are under way.

The officers of the First are as follows: Colonel, W. L. Stevens, Baton Rouge; Lieutenant Colonel, R. G. Pleasant, Farmerville; Major, P. L. Munro, Lake Charles; Capt. Eugene Cazadesens, Baton Rouge, Adjutant; Capt. T. B. Finley, Ruston, assistant quartermaster; Capt. J. S. Guesnard, Lake Providence, ordnance officer; Capt. R. H. Aldrich, Baton Rouge, assistant surgeon.

The following companies of the regiment will participate in the encampment, the first held by the regiment since its organization: Company A, Baton Rouge, commanded by Lieut. A. R. Garvin; Company C, Lake Providence, Capt. R. N. Rea; Company D, Plaquemine, Capt. Ed. Bourke; Company E, Baton Rouge, Capt. B. J. Goodman; Company F, Ruston, Capt. E. L. Kidd; Company H, Hammond, Capt. T. W. Cate; Company G, Lake Charles, Capt. S. Arthur Knapp; Company I, Natchitoches, Capt. W. S. Trichel.

As most of the companies will be quite fully represented, it is expected that there will be 500 or more men in camp. Battery C, of New Iberia, commanded by Capt. U. A. Patin, will camp with the First. They are drilling steadily for the occasion, and it is expected that this battery will make a very fine showing. The battery will be accompanied by an ambulance corps, commanded by Capt. Frank A. Artaud. This is in fine condition, and is equal in every way to the regular ambulance corps of the United States army. Their drills and movements will be a feature of the encampment.

The First Regiment Band, of Lake Charles, which has been recently mustered in, has made elaborate preparation in the way of rehearsals and drill.

The camp ground is on what is known as the Barbe property, on the lake front, just back of the shell beach. This beach is one of the most beautiful places in Southern Louisiana, bounding the southeast shore of the lake. It is interesting from a historical standpoint, as an old fort of Lafitte occupies the southern end of the beach. Upon one occasion, when pursued by a United States vessel, the pirate ran his vessel into Lake Charles, and his crew hastily threw up the fortification, which are now overgrown with great trees. Sinking his vessel, the pirate awaited the appearance of his pursuer. For some reason she never ventured into the lake, but the fort has been undisturbed.

The camp ground has many advantages of location. The lake bathing is admirable. Wells have been sunk, supplying a great quantity of water for drinking purposes. The general mess shed will be 300x24 feet, officers' mess 30x32 feet. The grounds are being graded for drill and parade, and a very fine target range has been secured. There will be a most elaborate programme, and the regimental officers have been working for many weeks to make the encampment a success in every way.

The belt line will run frequent trains between town and the grounds. Large barges will be anchored at the beach, forming temporary wharves, and steamers will make trips between Pajo street and the encampment. Hack lines have also been arranged for, and there will be no lack of transportation facilities.

All the commands attending will be accompanied by sponsors and maids of honor, and arrangements have been made for their reception and entertainment. It is expected that all will go well, and that the First Regiment will make a record for itself.

A cup will be offered by the regimental officers for a company competitive drill, and a medal will be awarded for the best target shooting. This has aroused considerable enthusiasm all over the State, and it is thought the competition will be close.

All railroads have made special rates, and Lake Charles will be filled with visitors from the surrounding towns and country.

## The State Encampment at Lake Charles.

The coming encampment at Lake Charles promises to be one of the biggest affairs of the kind that has ever been given in Louisiana.

From July 14th to July 23rd inclusive, will be gathered on the camp grounds at Shell Beach, near Lake Charles, ten of the principal companies of the Louisiana State National Guard, composed of companies from the following towns: Baton Rouge 2, Plaquemine 1, Natchitoches 1, Ruston 1, Lake Providence 1, New Iberia 1, Lake Charles 1, New Orleans 2, aggregating over 400 men altogether.

The sight of the camp has been graded and an artesian well bored to supply water to the camp. Requisition has been made on the State for 150 tents, and contracts let out to feed the boys at 50 cents per day. Telephone lines put the camp in instantaneous connection with the city and a temporary wharf has been built, where a ferryboat will take passengers to and from camp for 10 cents per head.

The features of exercises during the stay in the camp are too numerous to mention. Prominent, however, is the sham battle, which it is planned to give. Also the prize of \$50 to the best drilled company on the grounds. A silver cup will be given to the winner in the target shooting contest.

The boys from Baton Rouge are making extensive preparations for the encampment. The Fencibles under the command of Capt. Wood Lee, late of the corps of cadets at the State University, are drilling with vim and determination. They practice target shooting every Sunday at 10 a. m.

If our boys do not win they will at least make as good a showing as any company at the encampment.

The encampment will undoubtedly prove an immense success. A steamer has been placed at the disposal of the soldier boys for excursions, etc. A hall is given them and dancing will be allowed from 6:30 to 11 p. m.

Excursions from all parts of the country will be run to the camp grounds and the proceeds will go to the encampment fund. Fishing, bathing and other sport will be permitted, and a guard house has been provided for culprits, who take a sudden hankering for watermelon and spring chicken.

In all, the affair promises to be first-class in every particular, and the boys are anticipating an exceptionally good time.—Baton Rouge Truth.

From all appearances the Lake Charles encampment will be one of the finest military displays ever witnessed in this State. Companies from at least ten of the interior cities and towns of Louisiana have been heard from and all expect to be in attendance with a full muster. Excursions from all points will be run into Lake Charles and all who desire to see Louisiana's citizens soldiery at its best will have a good opportunity to do so.

The Creole Guards of Iberville, at a recent meeting of the company, decided not to go to Lake Charles for the encampment and competitive drill. The boys who were to have gone could not manage to attend the drills regularly, and, therefore, it was thought best not to make the attempt under the circumstances. It is much to be regretted, for Plaquemine has a fine company and should be represented.—Journal.

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