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FOR CONGRESS—4TH DISTRICT Hon. N. C. BLANCHARD, OF CADDO.

Our New Story.

In this issue we commence the publication of a new continued story, which we ask our readers to keep up with. It is written by one of the best known authors, and will prove interesting. The name is:

IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

A Story of Life in the Great Mississippi Valley.

By ALVA MILTON KERR.

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—EAST Carroll has instructed her delegates for King.

—AND now New Orleans is called upon to wrestle with the yellow fever scare.

—BUNKIE received her first bale of cotton on Saturday. It was raised by Edward Washington, and weighed 511.

—AFTER quite a contest Claiborne parish has voted the tax of 5 mills in favor of the Arkansas and Louisiana railroad.—Popular vote 124 majority for the tax; property vote \$39,187 majority.

—As yet ex-Secretary of State Will A. Strong has said nothing in reference to "that alleged defalcation." He should explain at once, for the burden of so grave a charge will necessarily hurt him. He owes it to his constituents to make known the facts in the case.

—JUDGE A. B. IRION, the member of Congress from the Sixth district, is building a neat residence on his plantation, lying between Eola station and Mr. T. D. Miller's star plantation. Judge E. North Cullon is one of his neighbors, on his plantation about a mile north of the station.

—J. N. JUDICE, parish treasurer of Vermillion, has mysteriously disappeared, and it is generally reported, has absconded to escape the consequences of misappropriating public funds. Circumstances warrant this belief, and pending investigation by the proper authorities it is assumed that what ever deficit there may be will not exceed \$4000.

—THE police jury of Caddo parish, at its recent session, refused to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of a cadet at the State University. The jury believes it would be a positive wrong to compel the tax-payers to provide a university education for one man, while hundreds are unprovided with the ordinary rudiments of a common school education.

—THE earthquake at Charleston, South Carolina, last week, now turns out to be less damaging than was at first reported. Only thirty lives were lost, instead of a hundred, and the destruction to property will amount to but \$3,000,000, instead of \$10,000,000. It was bad enough, however, and we hope we will not be called upon to chronicle such a frightful affair again in the next one hundred years—if we live that long.

—ALREADY.—The press is beginning to discuss and conjecture as to the next gubernatorial race in this State. Some say that the contest will be between McEnery and Nicholls, while others hold that McEnery will not be in the ring at all. We think it too early to open the discussion of this topic, and will only say at present that Judge J. C. Moncre, of Shreveport, is a man after our own heart and would make as good a governor as any man in the State.—[Homer Journal.]

—IN his own way Supt. of Public Education Warren Easton must be a "daisy." Listen at the Shreveport Times on him:—Our State superintendent of education is the "circular fiend." He issues one on the slightest provocation, his latest being an invitation to the parish superintendents to meet in solemn convocation at Baton Rouge in January 1887. Verily, what Warren doesn't know about education would make a big book, and what he does know about "whooping up" the newspaper reporters to bring him fame and renown would make a volume equally large. Warren's cerebral matter, it may be remarked just here, would rattle a mustard seed.

—REV. Mr. Duncan, of Alexandria, has written a card for the press giving his view of the De Mattos case, and insisting that he has not received fair treatment at the hands of Mr. Allen. Those who know Mr. Duncan can well testify to his high character as a minister, and we only regret that he was so unfortunate as to be embroiled in this Monroe trouble. He has lost none of the confidence his friends have reposed in him, and we trust that he will now see that it is wise for every person connected in the slightest degree with the trouble to preserve a discreet silence. Mr. Allen and Mr. De Mattos are both gone, and the matter should end. The Times believes the public will share this opinion, and we shall henceforth let the Monroe sensation die a very quiet, peaceful and peaceable death.—[Shreveport Times.]

ALEXANDRIA, LA.

A PROMISING RAILROAD CENTRE—THE FERTILE BACK COUNTRY—THE STAPLE CROPS.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Aug. 30, 1886.

[Correspondence of the Times-Democrat.] Alexandria is the parish seat of Rapides, State of Louisiana. It is situated at the confluence of the Bayou Rapides with Red river, on their right descending bank.

Alexandria might be called the geographical centre of the State and the natural crossing of all highways leading to the sea-coast of Louisiana, on the west of the Mississippi river. It is overlooked from the opposite side of the river, at Pineville, by the foot hills of the range coming from the far West; while on its own side it is the head of the high alluvial lands above overflows, being besides on the direct road to the Gulf of Mexico. It is, therefore, one of the most natural, certain and cheapest crossings of all roads tending to a sea outlet from the Western States—the map and geological formation of the State prove it and insure the future importance of Alexandria in the development of the South-west.

The Texas and Pacific system now passes by Alexandria with its daily trains, and it is the present terminus of the Morgan road until the latter will be ready to cross Red river, the crossing having already been selected and right of way obtained. Two more roads are projected.

The population of Alexandria averages about 2000 inhabitants, mainly professional men, merchants and artisans. Its surroundings are agricultural and timber; it is also the outlet for one of the finest body of alluvial lands on this continent. They are high and perfectly level, while their capacity for production is only partially developed. The timber lands tributary to Alexandria are unequalled in their variety, value and extent; endless ash-brakes and oaks of all species, as well as curly maples, sycamores, etc., cover the uncleared lowlands while limitless reaches of long leaf pines, as virgin as when the first explorers crossed this country, are awaiting the axes and saws of the millers.

When the civil war broke out Alexandria was just then reaching the eminence due to its location; it was one of the most prosperous towns in the State. Lands in its neighborhood were not for sale and could not be bought for the most extravagant price. Alexandria is to day one of the most inviting fields for the speculator and investor. Its lands are held and offered at low figures, as low as the government price, taking in consideration the fertility of the lands and the cost of the settlement.

Bayou Rapides offers a valuable milling power which can be utilized at very little expense, while two railroads and the river, competing with each other, assure to all enterprises the lowest rates of carriage and the quickest dispatch.

Churches and school facilities are equal to those of any country town, and the health of the section has been proverbial ever since the settlement of the State.

All the staples of the South grow here—cane, cotton and corn. Fruits of all kinds and grapes attain their best maturity. Hay is also becoming an important branch of industry, two crops being cut yearly; and as the climate and lands are especially adapted to grasses, the day is not far distant when dairying will be a valuable branch of traffic for Alexandria. The pasturages of the country tributary to Alexandria are unsurpassed and might be called perennial. It has always been so; for in the last century the colonists used this section for their "vacancies." Stock improves here and never suffers, water and grasses being abundant.

The country tributary to Alexandria, as a commercial centre, is very extensive. It stretches east and west from Little river to the Sabine; and also equally as far from north to south.—Both hills and lowlands are counted in the domain.

One thing is certain—that of all sections of the United States the Red River Valley offers the best advantages to the emigrant and settler. It has in abundance lands, timber and water, the great desideratum of all movers, besides being close to the sea and easy of access.

Alexandria, by its position, is the key to the whole western domain of Louisiana, and invites the enterprising to develop its dormant capabilities. No better field can be found by the one who has energy enough to work and patience enough to wait.

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JUDGE T. C. MANNING.

As our readers are well aware, the above named honorable gentleman has been named by President Cleveland as Minister to Mexico, to succeed Judge Jackson, resigned. That his appointment will be hailed by all his parishioners is already a fact—and that Judge Manning will prove the right man in the right place, is a foregone conclusion. Of the appointment the following will show the existing sentiment in different portions of the State:

The President has appointed, the telegraph tells us, as minister to Mexico Judge Thos. C. Manning, of this State, in place of Judge Jackson, resigned. The selection is an admirable one viewed from all points. Judge Manning is admirably fitted for the office. A man of ability and striking presence, he will admirably fill the position of minister, which requires dignity as well as intellect and ability. Learned in the law, he will be specially fitted to determine those grave legal problems that frequently arise between this country and its sister republic. His appointment was a proper compliment to this section and to this State. Louisiana holds close relations with Mexico, and it has generally been recognized as entitled to the Mexican or Central America mission.

Judge Manning will prove, we feel sure, eminently suited to the high office to which he has been appointed. It is just now one of the highest in the gift of the President, for our relations with Mexico are of the closest and most important character, and the future of the two republics depends on their being well represented at each other's capital.

Under the ministry of Judge Manning, we hope to see the friendliest relations re-established between the United States and Mexico and reciprocal trade and interchange of products encouraged and developed.—[N. O. Times-Democrat.]

To the friends of the distinguished jurist the action of the government in conferring upon one so eminent and so able an honor so distinguished is a source of pronounced pleasure. Judge Manning is peculiarly identified with the people of Louisiana, having served them in a judicial capacity for many years of his life. His conduct has been so free from any suspicion of wrong-doing, and his career has been so marked by a lofty conception of public duty that it was with unfeigned regret that the people of the State saw him relegated to private life at the close of his term on the supreme bench at the beginning of the present year. His retirement was to the great mass of Louisianians a sore disappointment and they have for the past few months anxiously awaited a deserved recognition of his character and talents at the hands of the national administration. This recognition has now been made, and the Times speaks the sentiments of its readers when it congratulates the government upon the wisdom of its choice, and the distinguished appointee upon the honor attained.

Minister Manning will carry with him to his new post of duty the cordial good wishes of all who appreciate that type of jurist which rises superior to the influences of corporations and of the political tricksters that often control them. Judge Manning is needed on the bench of his own State, but when judicial preferment at home is denied him, we rejoice to know that a substantial recognition of his merit comes from a source where petty political jealousies do not exist.—[Shreveport Times.]

An Old Citizen Speaks.

Mr. J. M. Norris, an old resident of Rome, Ga., says that he had been badly troubled with Kidney Complaint for a great many years, and with Eczema for three years; at times could scarcely walk and had tried many remedies without benefit, until he began taking Electric Bitters and anointing his hands and feet with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. This treatment afforded him great relief and he strongly recommends Electric Bitters to all who suffer with Kidney Complaints, or need a Blood Purifier. Sold by Jacob Geiger, Eagle Drug Store.

—THE Rev. Mr. DeMattos has left Monroe. The Bulletin declares that his stay in that city was "brief but eventful." This mild statement is pointedly true, we are convinced. The people of Monroe universally condemn his action in giving utterance from the pulpit to the language he confesses to have employed, and it is no doubt better for the peace and quiet of our sister city on the Ouachita that he is gone.—[Shreveport Times.]

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—WHEN Miss Margaret Spies, sister of one of the condemned Chicago Anarchists, was asked if she thought her brother would suffer on the scaffold, she laughed and said: "Certainly not; there is too much money behind them." Afterward there was a meeting of the female relatives of the sentenced men, and Miss Spies said \$4000 had been subscribed to the fund to carry the case to the Supreme Court.—[Exchange.]

Lung Trouble Believed.

Three and a half years ago I gave up my business on account of consumption. I spent two seasons in Florida and one in California. I have been under treatment of physicians all the time, among them some of the most prominent in this city, and I have kept growing worse and worse. I got to be a mere shadow, and could scarcely walk. On the 14th of last September I kept my bed, for I was not able to get out of it, and the doctors, as well as my friends all expected me never to come out of it alive. I was having frequent and profuse hemorrhages, and on three different occasions I bled until I became insensible. About six weeks ago I heard of S. S. S., and began taking it. Its effects have been wonderful. I have not had a hemorrhage since I began it. I was soon able to sit up and even dress myself. My appetite became good—I could eat and retain my food, and my color returned. I gained flesh and strength rapidly, and I am now walking about town wherever I wish to go. It is certainly a great surprise to me and every one who knows me. Long since they have all expected me to die. I am willing and want all who suffer with lung disease to know of me and my case, and I advise all such to take Swift's Specific and live. These are not idle words, but absolute facts which will with pleasure be substantiated for any one who may doubt.

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—THE Bossier Parish Grand Jury reported at their last session that out of forty-five true bills found by them, they were happy to report that not one came from the two prohibition wards of that Parish. This is weighty argument in favor of prohibition and knocks in the head all the pet theories that its opponents are able to bring up against it. Our readers will remember that at the last term of Court in this Parish not a true bill was found in our two prohibition wards. The Court records in Rapides, Grant and Sabine Parishes make similar good showing. It is clearly proven by facts that prohibition does do good, and this fact alone is sufficient to counteract all arguments against it. The question for the people of Webster Parish to ask themselves is, why should not every ward in Webster Parish vote for prohibition?—[Democrat-Tribune.]

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—A SENSIBLE newspaper is engaged in a very bad business when it encourages girls to divest themselves in a semi-nude state to a mixed crowd.—It is possible for ladies to bathe at the seaside in costumes which will afford them all the necessary freedom of movement, and at the same time shield them from that peculiar kind of admiration which is an insult. It is well known that in all ages of the world indecent costumes have accompanied loose morals. Knowing this fact, we cannot encourage any departure from modesty in the matter of dress without paving the way for evils which naturally follow.—[Atlanta Constitution.]

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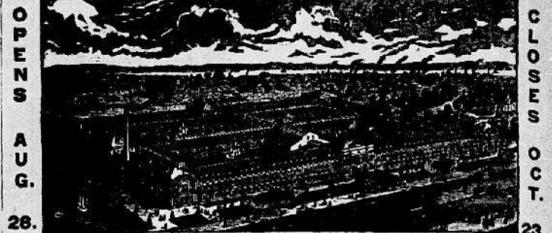
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