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For God's sake, if not for his own, give Bryan a rest. The number of unrequited speeches which he made during the presidential campaign certainly entitles him to a surcease of labor and excitement.

HOLDS TWO OFFICES.—The constitution and laws of Michigan, like those of our own State, prohibit the holding of two offices of trust or profit, except that of Notary Public and Justice of the Peace, by the same individual at the same time.

A POSSIBILITY OF ADEQUATION.—It is reported that Queen Victoria will abdicate in favor of the Prince of Wales, on the 1st of June next, when the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the British throne will be joyously celebrated by all of her loyal subjects throughout her vast dominions in all portions of the habitable globe.

CANCELED HIS LECTURE ENGAGEMENT.—Wm. J. Bryan, after delivering at Atlanta, Ga., the first of a series of fifty lectures which he had contracted for with his manager, for \$50,000, suddenly canceled the engagement, ostensibly for the reason that the sensational advertising which he was receiving, did not comport with his exalted ideas of the dignity of the altitudinous position occupied by him before the American people as a defeated presidential aspirant, but in reality, because he discovered that his popularity was on the wane and that he could no longer attract the immense audiences which were wont to listen to his "silver-tongued" eloquence during the campaign, which terminated so disastrously to his lithero flattering presidential prospects.

A FRUITLESS MISSION.—Her nando DeSoto Money, member of Congress from Mississippi and U. S. Senator elect from that State, who went to Cuba several weeks ago, to familiarize himself with the status quo of the insurrectionary movement, has returned to the United States. While his mission was unofficial and self imposed, it was quite laudable in its conception and would have been brilliant in its execution, had he been able to acquire any definite information by the trip. But it is safe to assume that he returns with as little knowledge of the existing situation, as he possessed when he left the United States. It was absolutely impossible for him to learn anything of an accurate nature in regard to the dimensions of the rebellion, unless he could penetrate the insurgent lines, which General Weyer would never permit him to do.

Something to Be Thankful For.

John P. Altgeld, the anarchistic, socialistic and populist Governor of Illinois, who was overwhelmingly defeated for re-election in November, has anticipated his retirement to private life, where he should forever remain, by a farewell message to the legislature, in which he makes a virulent assault upon the press for its alleged indefensible criticism of his revolutionary gubernatorial policy and as if to cap the climax of arbitrary procedure, he opens the doors of the penitentiary and restores to freedom nineteen notorious and desperate convicts. Altgeld will be remembered as the executive who pardoned all that the law had left unexecuted of the Haymarket rioters and Chicago anarchists. No doubt this egotistical retiring Governor has the vanity to imagine that his farewell address will rank with, if it does not actually take precedence over that of the "Father of his country." The people of Illinois and indeed of the entire country, should return thanks to the "Giver of all good," that this pestilent agitator and pestiferous demagogue has been relegated to a position of "innocuous desuetude."

Cupid breaks his bow at the sight of a face full of pimples. Hollow cheeks, sunken eyes, and a sallow complexion will defy his best intentions. Beauty is more than skin deep. The skin is merely the surface on which is written in plain characters the condition of the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is good for the complexion because it makes the whole body healthy—because it clears and purifies the blood, makes the digestion strong and clears out impurities of all kinds. By increasing the ability to assimilate nutritious food, and by the infusion of its own ingredients it enriches the blood and so makes solid, healthy flesh. It cures diseases of the lungs, liver, stomach, bowels, skin and scalp, simply because all these diseases spring from the same cause—a disordered digestion and consequent impure blood.

Execution Suspended.—Sheriff Stafford received Monday morning a telegram from Governor Foster, sent from his home at Franklin, La., ordering him to suspend until further instructions, the execution of the death sentence upon Henry Killens, which was fixed for next Friday.

The delay has been granted by the Governor at the intercession of his counsel, Mr. W. W. Whittington, Sr., and various other parties who have interested themselves in his behalf, to enable the Board of Pardons to pass upon a petition which has been or will be presented for commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary. While we were not present in Court during the trial of the case, we have heard enough of the salient facts preceding and attending the homicide to satisfy us that there were and are extenuating circumstances in his favor sufficient to justify a commutation of the death sentence and that the ends of justice will be fully subserved, should the Board of Pardons so recommend.

Hon. Chas. J. Boatner has associated himself with Mr. Percy Roberts, of New Orleans, for the practice of law, under the firm name of Roberts & Boatner, and we presume, will move to the "Crescent City," as soon as his congressional term expires on the 4th of March. From our knowledge of his eminent legal abilities, we predict that he will immediately arise to the front rank of the profession and occupy a commanding position among the eminent barristers, who adorn the jurisprudence of that city, always famed for its eloquent and distinguished practitioners and expounders of our civil law.

A Household Treasure.—D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman, Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at the Eagle Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Bureau of Agriculture and Immigration.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA.

BATON ROUGE, LA., Dec. 28th, 1896.

My Dear Sir—The 11th annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society will convene in Baton Rouge the 27th, 28th and 29th of January, 1897. This meeting will be one of the most important that has been held in the State.

Just now the North and Northwest are looking with eager eyes towards the South, anxious to make homes in our sunny climate. No State in the South presents such agricultural resources as our State of Louisiana, and no section of the country is susceptible of such indefinite development as our favored State.

To induce immigration to the State, to give value to our lands, we must develop along the lines of education, agriculture and immigration, and these three subjects will form the triunity upon which we hope to build the future edifice of improvement in the State, and we desire to lay the cornerstone at this meeting.

Your presence is earnestly solicited in order that you may have the wisdom of your valuable advice in shaping the developments of these instruments in Louisiana. We sincerely hope that you will aid us by coming.

We anticipate adopting measures encouraging the organization of Parish and State Fairs and give special attention to immigration matters. We also expect to organize a Stock Breeders' Association. We therefore call upon you and your friends and upon every patriotic citizen to attend this convention.

All railroads in Louisiana have very kindly given a fare of one and one-third for this occasion.

The city of Baton Rouge will give a royal welcome and entertainment.

The office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, will be the headquarters for all delegates and visitors and all such are requested to report to this office and enroll their names immediately upon arrival.

Very respectfully, JOHN DYMOND, President Association. THOS. D. BOYD, President A. & M. College. W. C. STUBBS, Director Experiment Stations. J. G. LEE, Commissioner Agriculture and Immigration. Committee.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following transfers of real estate have been registered in the Recorder's office during the past week: Harold W. S. Lund to Thomas Clements and Adolphus Albert, lot of ground on Second and Washington streets, with a front on Second of 70 feet, running back 106 feet and 8 inches, and acquired from Margaret Bogau May 28, 1883. Price \$2500.

M. L. Ryland to Andrew, John and King Jackson, 30 acres of land in Sec. 18, T. 2 N., R. 2 E., with improvements thereon. Price \$100.

John C. Rogers and John A. Williams, to Jas. B. Thigpen, lot of square 3, on Second and Johnston streets, having a front of 28 feet on Second street and running back 77 feet 7 1/2 inches with all improvements thereon. Price \$2400.

Stephen King to M. L. Ryland 40 acres of land in Sec. 18, T. 2 N., R. 2 E. Price \$200.

United States to Leroy A. Calhoun, 81 and 48-100 acres in Sec. 4, T. 1 S., R. 2 W.

Alexandria Land & Improvement Co., Ltd., to Edward L. Holmes, lot 12 of square 23, on Kelly street, in West Alexandria. Price \$150.

Bettie Cooper to Thomas Clements, lot on Hospital street in South Alexandria, together with improvements thereon. Price \$230.

New Orleans Pacific Railroad Company to John Evans, 39 and 85-100 acres of land in Sec. 35, T. 1 N., R. 3 W. Price \$159.00.

Benj. Turner to Theodore Pres- tridge, 153 and 1.3 acres of land on South side of Bayou Flaggon. Price \$133.35.

The newspapers are still assiduously engaged in the unremunerative task of constructing a cabinet for President elect McKinley, but we hazard nothing in the assertion, that when the proper time arrives, he will take the matter in hand and relieve them of the arduous duty.



The book of woman's life is divided into three chapters: Girlhood, womanhood, motherhood. At the time when a young girl passes into womanhood—turning the leaf we may say between the first and second chapters of her existence—a little care and thoughtful planning will double her chances of future happiness and save many hours of suffering. Every young woman should have an intelligent understanding of her own physical make-up. Half-knowledge which is little better than pure ignorance, opens the way to an untold amount of pain and wretchedness. Few women realize the influence exerted on their bodily and mental well-being by the special organism of their sex. It is hard for them to believe that the pores of their skin go on from day to day in sufficient sap away the very life force. Yet it is so. The weakness, exhaustion, melancholy, the periodical prostration and sometimes almost insupportable pain, which attend the time, than the abnormal unhealthy condition of the generative organs. Strangely enough even doctors often fail to recognize the truth. For this condition there is no other remedy in the world so helpful and certain as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It restores health and vigor to the entire body. It heals inflammation, stops discharges, strengthens the ligaments and builds up the internal tissues which cannot be reached by "local treatment." It is of inestimable value to young women and to prospective mothers, greatly lessening the pains and perils of childbirth if taken during pregnancy. During the "change of life" it is invaluable. Dr. Pierce's great book, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," has 1000 pages, is profusely illustrated. Over 50 pages are devoted to woman's diseases with suggestions for home-treatment. It will be sent free by the Dispensary Medical Association, 563 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only.

A Parish Poor Farm.—The Police Jury in session last week, purchased from Gen. Geo. O. Watts, the Calvit place, just below Alexandria, containing 123 acres of land, for the consideration of \$2250. It will be utilized for the purpose of giving a permanent home to and making those unfortunate who are now pensioners upon Parish bounty, self-sustaining as far as possible. Prisoners convicted of misdemeanors will also be sent thither and be required to work out their sentences. The Farm will be furnished with the necessary stock, agricultural implements, seed, etc. It will be under the management of a Board of Commissioners, consisting of nine persons. This Board is composed of three citizens, appointed by the Police Jury. Rev. H. C. Duncan, Dr. A. Rosenzitz and Judge J. R. Thornton, three members of the Police Jury, Wm. Hill, P. J. Sleet and E. J. Sullivan, with three members elected by the City Council of Alexandria, viz: Thomas Crawley, B. Weil and Julius Levin. The Board met Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organization and the transaction of initial business. Rev. H. C. Duncan was elected President of the Commission and Mr. J. B. Broaduax, Superintendent of the Farm. The personnel of the Commission is unexceptionable, the object laudable and we believe will ultimately reduce the burden of expense now imposed upon the Parish in providing for that class of our citizens, who are unable to subsist entirely by means of manual labor.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Clerk of the Court: White—Hadley Dyer and Miss Pinkie Warner; Frank Laprairie and Miss Laura Dodge; W. O. Harris and Miss Ann H. Roberts; H. K. Correll and Miss Irma Peterman. Colored—Kedie Thompson and Celie Coleman; Jesse Page and Esther Henderson; Frank Williams and Carolina Russell; Joe Grant and Lucy Kirkman; Frank Madison and Mary Ella Green; Willie Carnal and Corine Turner; Nathan Waldraf and Emily King; John B. Simon and Missouri Saunders; Coleman Winfield and Carry Williams.

The Parish of Tangipahoa is rapidly acquiring the unenviable distinction of being the most lawless parish in the State, on account of the number of atrocious and brutal murders committed within its limits within the past six months.

NEED A BIGGER HOUSE.

The Otto H. Kransse Company Draws the Banner House to Begin Their Engagement.

The Otto H. Kransse Company enjoyed another of their ovations at the hands of a Temple public last night at the Bijou. This company always draws well here, and yesterday at noon every seat in the house was checked off, something never known before in the history of the Bijou.

At the Opera House, when the ticket office was opened, the crush was unprecedented. Two hundred and sixty-five chairs were in the aisles, along the walls and in every conceivable corner and nook. Then people sat in the windows and stood up until it was a regular jam. The gallery was placed in a similar manner. When the Tribune man approached Otto H., "The Rainmaker," smiled, and "winked the other eye." The weather was most favorable—cool, bracing and clear.

The brass band is infinitely better than ever before, and the street concerts attracted large crowds of admirers, including many ladies. The orchestra work was superb and is itself one of the strong drawing cards of the show. With anything like fair weather the house will be crowded every night this week.—[Daily Tribune, Paris, Texas.]

The above Company, including the favorite actress, Jennie Holman, will be at the Opera House three nights, commencing Monday, January 18th. "Christopher, Jr." will be the opening play. It is one of the latest New York comedy successes and is sure to please. Prices 75 and 50 cents. Reserved seats at usual place.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Dec. 30, 1896.

The Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District met this day pursuant to resolution of adjournment of previous meeting.

Present—E. G. Richard, of St. Landry parish; J. E. Trudeau, of Avoyelles parish, and State Engineer F. M. Kerr was in attendance.

A telegram from President Meeker, announced his inability to attend the meeting and on motion, Mr. Richard was elected President pro tem.

On motion, the bids for construction of Neilson levee were opened, and M. L. Linnan having made the lowest bid, the contract was awarded to him at the price of 11.94 cents per cubic yard. Work to begin by 10th January and be completed by 15th February.

G. V. Berger was appointed inspector of work.

The Finance Committee examined and approved the following bill: Times-Democrat, advertising \$8.75

The Board then adjourned subject to call.

E. G. RICHARD, President pro tem. J. R. THORNTON, Secretary.

An Enjoyable Dance.

An enjoyable dance last Friday night, at the residence of Mrs. S. C. Redman, was participated in by the following young ladies and gentlemen:

Misses Corrie Hiller, Dallas, Texas; Hattie Coalman, Dallas, Texas; Nettie Wayne, St. Louis; Ella Saunders, New Orleans; Cora and Mary Hickman; Laura McGinnis, Lula Collins, Kate Burgess, Kate Compton, Dee Luckett, Mrs. Lena Hungerford, Mrs. J. D. Coalman, of Dallas; Mrs. E. A. Saunders, of New Orleans; Mrs. A. L. Wayne, of St. Louis and Messrs. J. D. Coalman, Henry Miller, Manuel Burden, J. D. West, George Marye, Ernest McGinnis, E. Z. Calvit, Dave Ferguson, Joe McLaurine, Ben Roberts; Lev Luckett, Emile Schmalinski, E. A. Rachal, Ed Kramer and A. L. Wayne.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls, of Holland, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter, I had the grippe, which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle at the Phoenix Drug Store.

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DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, JAN. 4TH. District Court, his Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding, convened for the transaction of civil business. But it being a non judicial day, on account of the municipal election, Court was adjourned until next day at 10 a. m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5TH. District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, his Honor Judge Hunter, presiding. Dennis McMannus vs. M. C. Moseley and Andy Harris, re-assigned for Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Jos. Leach vs. Margaret L. Abadie, tatrix. Amended petition filed by plaintiff.

Leander B. Haworth vs. Heirs of Mrs. C. E. Haworth. Answer filed by defendants and case set for Thursday Jan. 14th. Chas. Goldenberg vs. D. T. Stafford, Sheriff, and W. G. Wheeler & Co. Plea of prescription filed as to Third Opposition. Case tried submitted and taken under advisement. Court then adjourned until following day at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6TH. District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding. Julius Levin vs. Frank Pipes. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs. M R Lindsay, wife vs. Chas. R. Lindsay. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Wm. Wilson vs. A. Hartiens, tutor, et al. Exceptions re-assigned for Saturday, Jan. 9th. Hardy and Jackson vs J J Cook. Judgment in favor of plaintiff's for \$87.75, with 8 per cent interest from July 1 1893 and costs.

Jos Sterx vs Mrs Fannie Whitehead. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Flower, King and Putnam vs Mrs Anna C Mathews. Placed on dead docket. Albert B Cantwell vs John P Head. Continued.

Robert S Day, Syndic, vs Henry A. Boyce. Continued by consent. Mrs Margaret M Hays vs Cary E Blanchard and wife. Continued.

W B Bass vs O V Lonnasberry. Continued. Meyer and Weinberg vs David S Ferris. Continued. Gilmore and McGinnis vs Jos H Meeker. Continued by consent.

John B. Dyer vs M C Moseley. Set for Saturday, 16th. Ed Ryland, husband, vs Emma J Dupre, wife. Set for Thursday, 14th inst. Stockman and Carroll vs A P Stockman. Set for Saturday, 9th. Henry Jones vs Stephen Dupre. Default.

Ramsey & Sikean vs Mayor and Council of Alexandria. Exception filed by defendant. Wagner Electric Manufacturing Co vs Mayor and Council of Alexandria. Exception filed by de-

pendant. Jeremiah Poore vs F S and D S Flower. Default. Jeremiah Poore vs C M and D S Flower. Default. Allen A. Goodwin vs Alexandria Coopersage Company, Ltd. Default. R H Smith, Under Tutor vs F S Norfleet. Case tried, submitted and judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff. Court then adjourned until next day at 10 a. m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7TH. District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor Judge Hunter, presiding. Joseph Leach vs Margaret Abadie, Tatrix. Assignment set aside. H A Boyce vs J W Ford; Jos Hloy, Tutor, Warrantor. Re assigned for Saturday 16th inst. Ramsey and Sikean vs Mayor and Council of Alexandria. Exception dismissed and default entered. Wagner Electric Manufacturing Co vs Mayor and Council of Alexandria. Exception dismissed and default entered. Mrs M A Jack vs John I Finley. Answer filed by curator ad hoc. J D Murphy vs L C Sanford, et als. Reassigned for Wednesday 20th inst. Meyer Hirsch vs Great Wallace Showa. Reassigned for Monday, 18th inst. Leopold Lehman vs Dr Weden Smith. Tried, submitted and judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff for amount claimed with recognition of lessors lien on property seized except that described in the intervention of Thos. Allen. Intervention of Mrs. Smith set aside. Appeal granted to Circuit Court of Appeals.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9th. District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, his Honor, Judge Hunter presiding. William Wilson vs Adolphus Hartiens, tutor, et al. Appeal of M. C. Moseley and Ah Hartiens, tutor, called for. On motion of plaintiff's coil, voluntary non suit as toendants, Moseley, entered, and o Paterson, Mrs. Osborn apore, so far as the land sold bya. Osborn to Poore is concerned. Dennis McMannus A. A. Goodwin. This case taken up, trial entered into continued until the hour of argument. Court then adjourned Monday at 10 a. m.

Many merchants well aware that their curs are their best friends and pleasure in supplying them the best goods obtainables an instance we mention F & Cameron, prominent dists of Flushing, Michigan. By say: "We have no hesitatio recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our custo as it is the best cough medicine we ever sold, and always satisfaction." For sale at 25 cents a bottle at Phoenix Drug Store.