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LOUISIANA PRESS ASSOCIATION.—The 18th annual meeting of the Louisiana Press Association will be held in New Orleans on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 5, and 6, 1897.

—It seems that Judge Gunby's populist camp meeting at Monroe, last week, was too small for Tom Watson. Like Barum & Bailey's world renowned circus, Tom can't waste his fragrance upon the desert air of a city with a population of less than 20,000.

—President McKinley is riding at the head of the G. A. R., column in Brooklyn and his wave of prosperity is sweeping over the country, but it does not seem to have come in contact with the 200,000 coal miners in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, who are striking for higher wages, so that they can purchase the "staff of life" for themselves and families.

—We are under obligations to Representative H. W. Ogden for a copy of the Dingley tariff bill. If there is one thing that we appreciate and prize more highly than anything else in this mundane sphere, it is this infamous act of legalized robbery perpetrated on the toiling masses in behalf the plutocratic classes. We never tire of perusing its rascally provisions. Hence, the Honorable gentleman can readily conceive the extent of the obligation which he has imposed on us.

—What has become of Winbury? He appears to have relapsed into "innocent desuetude" and is no longer heard from since his celebrated telegram to Dominick O'Malley, that his commission had been issued by the President immediately preceding his departure from Washington on his summer vacation and only awaited the signature of Secretary Gage, who was temporarily absent, to give it force, effect and validity. The Secretary returned in a few days after the transmission of the telegram, but the Democratic incumbent, whose commission expired several months ago, is still occupying the granite building and discharging his duties as collector of customs at the port of New Orleans.

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Visitors from New Orleans.

Capt. Chas. W. Drown and family arrived in our city last week, and are living in home style, having rented the neatly furnished home of Mrs. John Ruby, N. Grant avenue. Capt. Drown is the traffic manager of the Red River Line of steamboats, plying between New Orleans and the Indian Nation on Red river, about 1,500 miles from New Orleans, and traverses the waters of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and the Indian Territory (Indian Nation). He also enjoys the distinction of having been a member of the famous Continental Guards of New Orleans for the past 22 years, 12 of which he was the active commander. His family consists of himself, wife, and five children, viz: Chas. W. Jr., Richard, Lathrop, Mary and Ella, and Mrs. Drown's sister, Mrs. N. S. McLeod, of East Point, La. Mr. W. H. Reeder, also a member of the Continental Guards, is with the party, and last but not least is Gilbert Jones, colored servant, who attends to the catering for the entire party. Capt. Drown's party has many friends in Detroit, and are also the personal friends of our fellow citizen, W. G. Butler. They will remain in the city about a month, and will give our celebrated baths a full trial.—(Mount Clemens Monitor.

## MUST ABIDE THE LIMITATIONS.

Two questions in regard to the approaching constitutional convention, appear to be eliciting considerable discussion from the Democratic press of the State. They are in fine, as to whether the delegates elected to compose the convention, are bound by the limitations imposed by the Legislature and whether or not, office holders are legally eligible to seats in the convention. We think that common sense, law and the weight of authorities will sustain us in the contention that each must be answered affirmatively. While we are opposed on principle to a restricted constitutional convention, we recognize the inevitable fact that it must be limited or we cannot have a convention at all. It is universally conceded that the holding of a convention is of the most vital importance to the Caucasian race, not only so far as certain restrictions to be imposed on the right of suffrage and the revision of the judiciary is concerned, but also in reference to various other questions, not of less paramount importance to the body politic. It might even be safely predicted that the delegates, or a majority of them, would not be in favor of legislating upon or reversing any of the prohibitory subjects, had they the authority to do so. The delegates are required to subscribe to an oath that they will abide by the legislative limitations—reaffirmed and consecrated by the people in their majesty, power and sovereignty, if the convention is carried—otherwise, they cannot organize a convention, except by revolutionary methods and an utter disregard of all the formalities and requirements of law. This effectively disposes of the proposition that the delegates in convention assembled, could legally take any action having a tendency to vitiate or annul any of the limitations imposed by the legislative will and subsequently ratified by the people in their sovereign capacity. We are aware of the fact that some few advocates of what we conceive to be an untenable position, insist that the delegates can disregard their solemn oaths by a declaration, that an unforeseen and extraordinary crisis has arisen in the history of the State, which authorizes them to legislate upon the prohibited articles and submit them to the people for ratification. As the delegates will be fresh from the people, having been elected in January and will be called upon to organize a convention in February, it is scarcely possible that any question of momentous import will arise in any such brief period of time, which had not been exhaustively debated during the campaign for the election of delegates. In our opinion, when the convention assembles, it will be found that a large majority of the delegates, with a profound reverence for their oaths of office, will organize it on that basis and that only an insignificant and powerless minority, composed of anti administration Democrats, Populists and Republicans, will ever be heard to advocate the adoption of an entirely new constitution, including the prohibited articles and resubmission to the people.

As to whether or not office holders can legally be elected to and occupy seats in the convention, must be determined by Article 159 of the constitution of 1879, which we quote as follows: "No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one office of trust or profit, except that of Justice of the Peace or Notary Public." There is no other law or article of the constitution regulating this controverted subject. It can only be determined by a positive adjudication of the Supreme Court. The weight of authorities of the various States, however, sustain the affirmative of the proposition. It is plain, that under Article 159, an office holder is eligible to a seat in the convention, the only effect being to vacate the office previously held, if it should be so adjudged by the court of final resort, upon an objection being judicially made to the right of any office holder to hold, occupy and exercise both offices at the same time.

Account Fall meetings of the Interstate Merchants' Association to be held at St. Louis, Memphis and Cincinnati, the Missouri Pacific will sell on August 14 and 16 and September 4 and 6, round trip tickets at one and one third fare limited 15 days from date.  
G. F. Crockett, Agent.

## LOUISIANA BAPTISTS.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, formerly located at Shreveport, but recently removed to Alexandria, met in the Pastor's study of the Baptist church at 10 o'clock last Wednesday, with Hon. G. W. Bolton, president of the Board presiding, and the following members present: Revs. A. M. Vardeman, E. O. Ware, J. R. Edwards, R. M. Boone, A. L. Johnson, E. T. Mobberly, C. W. Tomkies, L. H. Nichols, J. M. Hickson, Dr. P. B. Wright, Dr. J. A. White, Messrs. C. E. Roberts, G. A. Patterson, Geo. Fletcher and B. T. Lewis. The missionaries in the various mission fields were re-appointed. Appropriations for the work of sustaining the preaching of the Gospel in these destitute places were made to the amount of \$2685. Rev. E. O. Ware was appointed as the corresponding secretary. Plans were agreed upon by which the present indebtedness of the board, amounting to about \$2500, will be raised. Several hundred dollars of this amount was promised by members of the board. The meeting then adjourned at 6 p. m., to meet again at 8 o'clock same evening.

The board re-convened at 8 p. m. and was called to order by the president, Hon. G. W. Bolton, after which prayer was offered by Rev. E. T. Mobberly. A communication from the central committee of the woman's missionary work at New Orleans, was read, asking that all monies raised by the Women's societies be sent to their treasurer and by them remitted to the treasurer of the board at Alexandria. It was thought best that no change be made at present in the manner of remitting funds to the treasurer of the board. An application for an appointment as colporteur and Sunday school missionary from Dr. T. D. Bush was deferred until the corresponding secretary could make arrangements for the work.

A resolution was passed instructing the president, secretary and treasurer to ask for courtesies given the general agents of other religious denominations for the corresponding secretary of this board. Hon. G. W. Bolton, the president was appointed a special committee to have the executive committee made an incorporated body. The maximum sum for help to ministerial students at the two colleges of Keachie and Mount Lebanon was fixed at \$100 per year.

Lawyers' Convention.

A convention will be held at the court house in Alexandria to day, to be composed of delegates representing the bar of the various country parishes, for the purpose of agreeing upon and adopting some feasible plan for the revision of our cumbersome and expensive judiciary system, to be submitted to and for the assistance and guidance of the constitutional convention to assemble in February next.

It must be admitted that the legal fraternity from knowledge and experience, comprehends and appreciates the defects in our present judiciary system and is in an eminently commanding position to formulate suggestions on this particular branch, which ought to carry weight and conviction with them when submitted to the members of the constitutional convention.

A perusal of our exchanges satisfies us that prominent members of the bar have been elected in nearly all the country parishes of the State and that we will have in attendance a representative body of attorneys, possessing the ability and capacity to formulate and submit some plan by which the judiciary may be revised so as to reduce the pecuniary burden and at the same time elevate its standard and increase its efficiency.

Without committing myself in advance to any particular mode of revision, the LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT welcomes the delegates in behalf of the people of Alexandria and trusts that their labors may be crowned with all possible success.

## THE MAC STEWART CASE.

A United Effort Made to Save His Life.

An Appeal for Funds to Send to Ex-Governor Hogg and Dr. R. B. Lignoski as Embarassaries to Intercede with President Diaz for Executive Clemency.

HQ'S CAMP DICK DOWLING, HOUSTON, TEXAS, August 11th 1897.

CAPT. C. C. BEAVENS, Commander.

WILL LAMBERT, Adjutant.

Following is the appeal of Gen. John B. Gordon, Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans:

HQ'S UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, NEW ORLEANS, LA. July 20, '97. [Circular Letter No. 85.]

Following received from general commanding, which explains itself:

To the Camps of the United Confederate Veterans: Atlanta, Ga., July 15, 1897.—I have been requested by our comrade, Dr. R. B. Lignoski, of Houston, Texas, and other members of our organization in that State, to bring before you the case of an unfortunate ex-Confederate soldier, Mr. Mac Stewart, now incarcerated in a Mexican prison. While I have no personal knowledge whatever of the case, yet the representations made to me by others have raised grave doubts in my mind as to whether Mac Stewart has received a fair trial in the Mexican courts. His offense is the killing of a Mexican policeman, whom Stewart claims to have shot wholly in self-defense. An able Mexican lawyer, now judge of the highest court, who defended Stewart, is of the opinion that his trial was not a fair one.

Dr. Lignoski, who has taken a deep interest in Mac Stewart's case proposes to go to the City of Mexico for the purpose of making intercession for his release. The doctor asks from the camp such contributions or other aid as they may feel disposed to make.

Letters addressed to Dr. R. B. Lignoski, Houston, Texas, will receive prompt attention.

Fraternally yours,

J. B. GORDON,

General Commanding.

The general commanding directs the foregoing sent out to the camps for such action as is deemed proper. Very respectfully,

GEORGE MOORMAN,

Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

(Commanders and adjutants will please act at once.)

TO THE UNITED EX-CONFEDERATE VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH.

In compliance with the wishes and request of many ex-Confederates and citizens of the South, and in response to Gen. John B. Gordon's Circular Letter No. 85, issued July 15, 1897, for action by the Confederate camps, I now, as a member of Dick Dowling Camp of ex-Confederate veterans, Houston, Texas, most earnestly appeal to your sympathies for aid to assist the writer in endeavoring to accomplish the release of one of our old comrades, Mac Stewart, who is now incarcerated in a dungeon in Parral, Mexico, under a death sentence to be shot for killing a Mexican policeman on May 31st, 1893, who has most earnestly appealed to his countrymen to come to his rescue and save him from a most ignominious death. He has exhausted all of his means and is now penniless and friendless in a foreign nation and who now appeals to your most generous nature to respond liberally with assistance in accomplishing this most worthy and humane mission.

Mac Stewart's offense, as charged by the courts, was for murder. He killed a Mexican policeman purely in self-defense—shot only after the policeman had shot at him. Judge Luna, who defended Stewart at the trial, and who is now President of the Supreme Court of Chihuahua, shows very clearly and conclusively by evidence that the act was committed entirely in self defense.

Ex-Gov. Hogg has consented to accompany the writer to Mexico, and has most generously offered his services to assist in pleading for the defendant's release.

The writer has now in his possession letters from all of the Governors of the South, Senators and Congressmen to President Diaz, pleading for executive clemency for this unfortunate man.

Now, Comrades and fellow citizens, to make this a success financially, as it will require considerable means to accomplish the ends in view, let each Commander of the Camps appoint a committee of three to solicit contributions from those who sympathize with the defendant and wish to assist in his rescue, take the names with the amount subscribed and remit all such subscriptions with the names and amounts contributed to Capt. C. C. Beavens, Commander Dick Dowling Camp, Houston, Texas, or to Dr. R. B. Lignoski, Houston, Texas. Receipts will be executed and sent to every Camp or remitter where there is no camp established. If there are any old Veterans or citizens who wish to assist in contributing to this unfortunate man's appeal, I most respectfully request the County

Judges or Justices of the Peace to appoint a committee of three to take up such collections and report as above.

All remittances must be sent in between the 1st and 10th of September, as we wish to leave for Mexico on the latter date.

Very respectfully,  
R. B. LIGNOSKI, M. D.

Comrades will please have this printed in their home papers.

Any one disposed to assist this unfortunate Comrade, if they will bring their mite to me, I will forward same as designated.

W. W. WHITTINGTON,  
Adjutant Jeff Davis Camp.

Alexandria, La.

Preliminary Examinations.

Pomp Corley, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill and murder S. B. Mercer at Levin station, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, some weeks ago, was given a preliminary examination before Judge E. G. Hunter last Saturday and admitted to bail in the sum of \$750. Corley is also under indictment for killing a baby and shooting a man by the name of Pat Williams, and had been out on a bond of \$2000, but since he became involved in the last difficulty his bondsman has surrendered him, which will necessitate his furnishing a new bond and \$750 additional before he can be released from jail, which he will not likely be able to do, and will be compelled to remain in jail, until the November term of the District Court.

Stella Brent, a colored woman, charged with killing her brother, Dave Brent, at Boyce about two months ago, and Jim Wells, charged with being accessory, were also given a preliminary examination and remanded to jail without the benefit of bail.

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J. W. BOLTON, Cashier.

HOMESTEAD NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., August 6th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court at Alexandria, La., on September 21st, 1897, viz: Laurens Deville, Homestead Entry No. 13887, for the N.W. 1 of Sec. 10, Tp. 4 N., R. 3 E., Louisiana Meridian. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Simon A. Hodder, James Noone, Oscar Cruise, Adolph Morace, of Buck Eye P. O., La. G. McD BRUMBY, Register.

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