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## DR. KAUFFMANN'S DEATH.

Brilliant Young Physician Passes Away at Plaisance Home.

Just as he was entering the threshold of a career full of promise, Dr. Oswald Edward J. Kauffmann, of the class of '05 of Tulane, died shortly after 7 o'clock Friday evening at his home in Plaisance, La.

The news of the death of Dr. Kauffmann, received here late Friday night, was a severe shock not only to his relatives and friends, but to men who stand high in the medical profession. Entering Tulane as a medical student in 1900, he distinguished himself in his studies, stood well in his class, and those who watched his progress in the classroom predicted a glorious future. He studied hard, and in the year 1905 he graduated with high honors. Shortly after receiving his degree he went to Plaisance, La., a thriving little town. His eagerness to aid those in distress, coupled with his genial disposition and great ambition, won for him the confidence of his townpeople, and he was soon enjoying a lucrative practice. About two weeks ago his work was cut short by illness, and he was compelled to take to his bed. While those who were near him at all times realized that he was in a serious condition, still they were not prepared for his death, which occurred late Friday evening.

Dr. Kauffmann was born near Fort Smith, Ark., on May 28, 1883. He was the son of Prof. Kauffmann, a noted Western educator, and Rosie Harder, a charming woman of the West. His father is remembered throughout the West for the part he played in the Indian trials at Fort Smith, acting as interpreter by reason of his linguistic abilities. His father came to New Orleans to accept an important position in one of the schools of Algiers. He afterward moved to Missouri where he taught for a number years at the Mission Synod. While at the mission school the elder Kauffmann accomplished a great deal in uplifting the negroes. He returned to New Orleans and taught at the Zion Mission school, on Franklin Street.

Under the strict eye of Mr. J. P. Thomson the son progressed in his studies at the St. Paul's Lutheran School, of New Orleans. It was there he received his early training and was fitted to enter into the study of medicine.

He leaves a wife, who was a Miss Mary Fiendle, of New Orleans and one child, a beautiful baby girl. He is also survived by his mother, one brother, Arthur, and one sister, Alma.

## REGISTRAR'S FIGURES

A great deal of interest is being taken over the State in the three-cornered fight that is now being waged in the parish of Evangeline for the courthouse. This fight is between Eunice, Ville Platte, and Mamou, with the chances of victory lying equally between Ville Platte and Eunice. The election will be held on Nov. 9. While up to the present time Eunice has shown the largest registration, Ville Platte is coming to the front, and the fight between the two is going to be close. The following is the total registration of the parish up to the time the books were closed on Oct. 6:

Platte	242
Eunice	165
Mamou	99
Grand Louis	143
Bayou	257
Mamou	389
Point	126
Point	138
Point	83
Point	113
Point	37
Point	84
Point	24
Point	36
Point	56
Point	199
Point	16

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## OPELOUSAS SILVER SERVICE

The presentation of the silver service to the patrol-boat Opelousas, of the Oyster Commission of Louisiana by the people of this city which was to have taken place at Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday, Oct. 17, has been postponed until Sunday, Nov. 14.

Hon. L. J. Dossman, president of the Oyster Commission, received a letter from several of the citizens of Opelousas last week asking him to make known the fact that the date for the presentation had been changed.

No reason was given in the letter, but it is expected that the silver service which was expected will not arrive until Nov. 1.

## CARRIED HIS SAMPLES

A minister who had been doing missionary work in India recently returned to New York for a visit. He was a guest at a well-known hotel where everything pleased him except the absence of the very torrid sauces and spices to which he had become accustomed in the Far East. Fortunately he had brought with him a supply of his favorite condiments and by arranging with the head waiter these were placed on his table. One day another guest saw the appetizing bottle on his neighbor's table, and asked the waiter to give him some of "that sauce."

"I'm sorry, sir," said the waiter, "but it is the private property of this gentleman." The minister, however, overheard the other's request, and told the waiter to pass the bottle. The stranger put some of the mixture on his meat and took a liberal mouthful. After a moment he turned with tears in his eyes to the minister.

"You're a minister of the Gospel!"

"Yes, sir."

"And you preach hell and damnation!"

"Yes," admitted the minister.

"Well, you're the first minister I ever met who carried samples!"

Auction sale of lots, Lawtell, Wednesday, 27th October. Band. Barbecue.

Dialogue that is actually witty and situations that are ludicrously funny, form the component parts of "When His Wife's Away," the merry comedy which the eccentric comedian Mr. Robert Dalton and his company of laugh-makers will present at Sandoz Opera House on Oct. 25th. "When His Wife's Away" was written by Chas. T. Vincent, Co-Author of "The Man From Mexico," has been dubbed "the comedy with the tickle" and is a great big laugh from beginning to end. Mr. Dalton's comedy star, whose work is receiving attention from capable critics and whose methods have been likened to William Collier and the late Sol Smith Russell. He is at all times quiet and forceful and obtains his laughs in a legitimate manner. The supporting company is said to be an excellent one.

A London Physician, at a meeting of a medical society, stated that extraction of teeth was unnecessary. He was enabled to cure the most desperate case of toothache, he said, unless the case was connected with pneumonia by the application of the following remedy to the diseased tooth: Two drams of allum, reduced to an impalpable powder; seven drams of nitrous spirit of ether. Mix and apply to tooth.—McCall's Bazar.

Do you know Mr. Reader that the Farmers Union Warehouse at Lawtell has already handled thousands of bags of rice this year, and do you know further that the grade of rice grown around Lawtell is of very superior quality, and do you know also that Lawtell is situated on the Frisco Railroad, on one of the main laterals of the Schell canal, and in the midst of a most fertile and versatile section of the country.

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"The World and a Woman."

Of the innumerable charms to be found in Joseph Byron Totten's powerful play of contemporary life, "The World and a Woman," which Earl Burgess will present at the Sandoz Opera House tomorrow (Sunday), none is more assured than the author's injection here and there of sparkling epigrams. He doesn't deal them out in large doses, to be sure, having in mind always that there may be too much even of a good thing, but gives his audience just enough to thoroughly delight without surfeit. Here are a few examples:

"Woman's trump card is her boudoir conversation."

"Whenever I get a wild desire for a ride in an ambulance. I quietly tell some friends that his wife is a crook."

My business does not allow of shocks. (It is a detective speaking.) "We distribute them."

"While the law of man is duty and calls for justice, there is a higher law, God's law, which is friendship and calls for protection."

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## FORMER GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS DEAD

The dispatches inform us that M. B. McSweeney, former Governor of South Carolina, died Thursday at a private sanitarium in Baltimore, where he had been under treatment for several months. He had been a prominent figure in South Carolina politics for many years, and as an editor ranked high in the South Carolina newspaper field.

The agitation over the present game law continues in some parts of the State. A few advocates doing away with such a law altogether, but we are glad to see that the number of advocates in this line are few. The present game law is a good one, and it should be made stronger if anything, and it is a pity such a law was not in force years ago. If we do not take care of the wild game and fish, it will not be long before we will be in the same fix as other States—without any; and for this reason we contend that the law is good one.—Banner Democrat.

There were one hundred and five arrests made in Shreveport last week against persons charged with violating the prohibition law. The police judge of that city makes it very severe on these kind of law-breakers, and no doubt most of them will have to work on the roads a hundred days each, which has been the dose given in the past.

Even the most learned of us never realize how little we know till a small boy begins to ask questions.

"Father sent me over to borrow your paper; he only wants to read it." "Tell him I'm coming over to borrow his breakfast; I only want to eat it."

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## A GREAT OCCASION

SCHELL AND PARTY OF PROMOTERS ENTERTAINED

Banquet and Reception at the Lacombe Hotel—Toasts and Addresses.

The Schell party, about sixty, of Pennsylvania capitalists and promoters, accompanied by the little wheel horse himself, arrived in Opelousas last Monday from Washington, La., where they visited and inspected the great canal enterprise projected by Mr. Schell and through his indomitable energy and perseverance so successfully pushed to "near" completion.

The party was met at the depot by the committee, composed of Messrs. J. A. Bercier, chairman, P. A. Dunbar, secretary, M. L. Swords, H. E. Estorge, J. G. Lawyer, J. W. Lewis, Aaron Jacobs, A. Cretin, and M. Halphen.

They were conveyed to the courthouse where they were warmly welcomed by a large concourse of our citizens.

The assemblage was called to order by Dr. Bercier, and Mayor Halphen welcomed the visitors in an appropriate extemporaneous address. Addresses were also delivered by Hon. E. D. Estillette of Opelousas, Hon. A. W. Snader of Lancaster, Penn., Mr. A. H. Garland of Opelousas, Mr. J. U. Fritcher of Lancaster, Penn., Hon. E. P. Veazie of Opelousas, Col. Simmington of Lancaster, Penn.

In the evening a banquet was served at the Lacombe hotel at which Mr. J. W. Lewis acted as toastmaster. One hundred and twenty-eight covers were laid and as many delighted persons were served by Monsieur Cretin.

Toasts were offered and responded to, and our visitors expressed themselves as highly gratified with their visit.

## ROMANTIC MARRIAGE

A Lafayette dispatch to the Picayune of Tuesday, contains the following: Judge O. P. Guilbeau to-day married Miss Ada Hollier, of Opelousas, and W. B. Morgan, of Cookeville, Tenn. The couple eloped, but through the intercession of friends, parental consent was first obtained for the marriage.

Miss Hollier was connected with the Cumberland Telephone Exchange, was very popular with co-workers and acquaintances. The Courier wishes the young couple a long life of unalloyed happiness.

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## How to Reach The Fair Grounds

The State Fair of Louisiana, which will be held in Shreveport November 1st to 6th, has made arrangements with the Shreveport Traction Company for a 5-cent carfare to and from the Fair Grounds. The M. K. & T. Ry. will operate shuttle-trains every thirty minutes to the Fair Grounds from the Union Station, with a rate of 15c for the round trip. Parties coming to our Fair, and not desiring to go up town, can board the shuttle-trains right at the Union Station.

These facilities should be borne in mind by all who come to our State Fair, so they will know what price to pay, and how to reach the grounds.

The Fourth Annual Fair will be the best ever held in Shreveport, and a large attendance is expected.

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## ANY GOOD REASON?

Coushatta Citizen: If the State Board of Education can give any good reason for the wholesale changes of text books the people of the State would like to hear them. The burden of buying books is a considerable one on most people and should be made as light as possible. Of course it is necessary that the children have text books and at intervals it is necessary to change, but we are quite certain that most of the text books just discarded were very satisfactory. The readers and spellers are the most generally used and should be changed only when it can not be avoided. Once in ten years would be often enough to adopt the books.

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## THE OPENING SKIRMISH

The opening skirmish of the next State campaign in Louisiana occurred before the Natchitoches Police Jury Monday when Judge C. V. Porter bitterly attacked the Sanders good roads plan and Phanor Breazeale vehemently defended it. Acrimonious debate characterized the proceedings, and what previously looked like a "sure thing" appropriation of \$136,000 for good roads is now held in suspension. Inasmuch as Judge Porter is a prospective candidate for Governor and would inevitably have been opposed by the present administration anyway, the first slogan of battle may easily be seen in the charge of "graft in Sanders' good roads scheme."—Mansfield Journal.

Indirectly, politicians may construe the criticism of the so-called good roads by Judge Porter as a political straw, the opening skirmish, but it has a deeper significance than politics.

Is there any reason or cause for this charge of "graft" in this model road-making by convicts?

In this model good roads construction, which consists principally in rounding off the highway with the native soil at hand, there is opportunity for serious inquiry into the policy of spending thousands of dollars, which in the end must prove delusive and disappointing to the people.

It would seem as if the good roads proposition has been and is one gigantic scheme of politics and therefore the people are being inclined to think more seriously than at the outset of the agitation.

From the Caucasian's view of the issue Judge Porter has simply protested as becomes a good citizen and desires more light and plenty of light on this road-making by convicts.—Shreveport Caucasian.

## DISTRICT COURT

District Court met last Monday morning, Judge James A. O'Neill, of Franklin presiding, and all officers of the court in attendance.

Judge O'Neill, after empanelling the grand jury delivered his charge, which was a magnificent exhibition of legal learning. He dwelt particularly on the violations of the liquor laws, miscegenation and the carrying of concealed weapons. He then proceeded to relieve the congested docket, by consummations of defaults, dismissal of suits, continuances, etc.

The court took up the expropriation suits brought by the New Iberia, St. Martin and Northern Railroad Company against parties near Port Barre, and these cases occupied the court until Wednesday evening.

Lawtell looks good for investment. Take a few dollars out with you to the sale on the 27th inst, spend it on a lot and wait for the results. You can't lose.

There is one exclusive negro town in the United States, and that is Taft, Oklahoma, where no white resident lives, but recently three white men moved there to enter the merchandising business, but were ordered out of the place, under penalty of death. From a legal point of view, they had a right to settle there, or any where else on the western hemisphere, but from the point of exclusion and the right to choose one's own associates, either in a personal or business sense, they were trespassers, and had no right to butt in and annoy the peaceful repose of the darkeys, who are trying to establish and maintain a town of their own. The niggers have been treated the same way in some localities, and they thought it proper that their unwelcome visitors should be made to move on. What we have to say is that it was a damper class of whites who would intrude upon the serenity of the "unbleached Americans" and the treatment they received, while not strictly legal, was eminently proper from the standpoint of decency; if it has no other claim to exist.—Franklin Watchman.

The "good roads" idea is one that will have an accelerated growth, because when one town gets good roads it makes an imperative reason right then why's rival should.

## THE WILD ASS OF ASIA.

The Sagacious Zebras are Difficult Subjects For the Trainer.

For the first time in the history of wild-animal training zebras and zebrulas have been taught to perform tricks and obey the will of their trainer. Some fine specimens of these animals are with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows, which exhibit here to-morrow, Sunday, Oct. 17, 1909. For natural-born stubbornness, general cussedness and total lack of finer feelings the zebra is many degrees removed from his distant relative, the American mule, and no more odious comparison to the detriment of the wild ass of Asia could be made. The striped equine has always been the stumbling block in the paths of educators and trainers of beasts and animals. Many of them, after herculean and patient endeavor, have given up in disgust and consigned the convict-coated animal to a remote and disagreeable locality, acknowledging that he was beyond all human understanding. Both Hagenbeck and Wallace for many years concurred in this belief, but heroic perseverance was finally and justly rewarded. These circus kings now have with their great shows zebras that give performances which include everything done by the best trick horses. Drills and intricate maneuvers are accomplished with precision and correctness. The animal waltz, two-step and curvet in perfect time with the music of the band; they eat at table, feign death, play clown and perform other numerous and incredible tricks. And to further demonstrate the complete control that is exercised over them, the zebras are harnessed and hitched to chariots and driven in the street parade. Interesting in this connection is the appearance and presentation at the same time of several zebrulas, or equine hybrids, the only ones of their kind, produced by scientific crossing of full-blooded zebras and Kentucky thoroughbred horses.

Proclamation of Third Regular Session of Red River Improvement Association.

The Red River Improvement Association is hereby called to hold its third regular session at Paris, Texas, on Thursday and Friday, October 14th and 15th. Since the last regular session at Dennison in November, 1908, the development of the entire river has become an approved project of the United States government and it only requires the enthusiastic co-operation of the people of the Red River Valley to assure the permanent reclamation of the stream and the immense economic benefits that will inevitably flow therefrom. Mayors, County Judges, Presidents of Boards of Trade, Commercial Clubs, and all other civic organizations in all the counties bordering on Red River and its tributaries in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, are hereby requested and empowered to appoint twenty-five delegates each to attend said Convention and to send lists of appointees to Mr. N. H. Ragland, Secretary Board of Trade, Paris, Texas. All members of the association and all other citizens of the valley are cordially urged to attend.

Morris Sheppard, President, Red River Improvement Association.

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