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Archbishop Perché visited Iberville parish and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a large number of persons.

Gen. Hugh J. Campbell, recently a leading Republican politician in this State, has been appointed United States District Attorney for Dakota.

A German woman named Schenck, living in Carroll parish, gave birth to triplets—two boys and a girl—but they died a few hours after being born.

Colonel Seilers' new play is called "The Golden Calf." He does not re-veal what heifer-ts he will make to give it suck-cess.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

If ordinary methods fail, udder means will be employed. Ba-a-a!

Col. Wm. M. Burwell of New Orleans has been appointed by President Hayes Register of the Land Office at that city. Col. Burwell will do honor to any position to which he may be assigned.

Gen. N. Bedford Forrest, the distinguished Confederate cavalry officer, died at the residence of his brother, in Memphis, on the 29th ultimo, after protracted illness from a chronic affection. The attendance at the funeral was very large.

The steamer Glencoe struck a snag and sunk Sunday night, while making a landing at Delta, La., opposite Vicksburg. The boat lies in shallow water and will be saved, together with the cargo. Many passengers were aboard, but reached shore in safety.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana will open its regular session in New Orleans next Monday. The briefs in the contested District Judgeship case from this District have been prepared by opposing counsel, and will be filed in due season to secure an early consideraton.

A city election at Baltimore, on the 24th ultimo, resulted in a sweeping Democratic victory. Geo. P. Kane was elected Mayor by a vote of 33,178, to 17,369 for Joseph Thompson, Workingmen's candidate. The Democrats elected every member of both branches of the City Council.

The Jefferson and Lake Pontchartrain Railway Company has entered suit against the city of New Orleans, claiming $700,000 for the appropriation and use by the city of a tract of land claimed by this company, extending from Carrollton to Lake Pontchartrain. A drainage canal was dug on the land, which has been in use since 1871.

Yellow fever is abating at Fernandina, but there is great destitution among the people and an appeal for aid is made by the town authorities. Eight hundred families have to be supplied with the necessaries of life, and funds were wholly exhausted some days since. New York, New Orleans and other cities are moving in the matter of furnishing relief to the sufferers. Over $1000 has already been sent from New Orleans.

A decided change has come over the spirit of European war news, and the recent dreary monotony of Turkish victories has given way to the almost daily relation of Russian successes, both in Armenia and Bulgaria. The Porte, lately so implacable, now begins to whisper of meditation, but the voice of the Czar is still for war, and he will agree to no peace which does not amply insure the future protection of the Christian subjects of Turkey.

Hon. Oliver P. Morton, United States Senator from Indiana, died at his home in Indianapolis, Thursday evening, at half past 5 o'clock. From the New Orleans *Times* we borrow this brief statement of the career of the distinguished deceased:

Mr. Morton was born in Wayne county, Indiana, August 4, 1823, and was consequently a little more than 54 years old at the time of his death. He was educated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; studied and practiced law; was elected Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Indiana; was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1860 and became Governor in 1861 by the election of Gov. Henry S. Lane to the U. S. Senate. He was re-elected Governor in 1865, and U. S. Senator in 1866 to succeed Lane. He was re-elected Senator in 1872. His term would have expired March 7, 1879.

CONGRESS.

There is little of importance to note in the proceedings of Congress during the past week. The Senate has been mainly occupied in considering nominations to office, though a number of bills of greater or less importance have been introduced. A resolution was adopted providing for a select committee to devise a method of counting the vote for President and Vice President. A bill for the repeal of the resumption act will be reported by the Banking and Currency Committee—a similar measure is already pending in the House. No progress has been made in the Louisiana Senatorial matter, and the committee seems at a loss how to proceed.

In the House an immense number of bills have been placed upon the calendar, the more important bearing upon the following subjects: Repeal of the resumption act; remonetization of silver; repeal of the bankruptcy law; abolition of taxes on the sale of tobacco by producers; extension of pension laws to the South; repeal of the test oath; appropriations for works of internal improvement. Among the last named is a bill offered by Mr. Darrall, from this District, appropriating $3,000,000 for the maintenance of the levees of the Mississippi river. Mr. Gibson introduced a bill for the improvement of the navigation of the same stream. Speaker Randall on Monday announced the committees. The leading chairmen are, Wood of New York for Ways and Means, Knott of Kentucky for Judiciary, Atkins of Tennessee for Appropriations, Robertson of Louisiana for Mississippi Levees and Potter of New York for Pacific Railroad. The latter has declined, however, and is succeeded by Mr. Throckmorton, a warm friend of the Texas Pacific Railroad, to which Mr. Potter is opposed.

THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

Senor Mata, accredited by President Diaz as Mexican Minister to the United States, is about to return home, having been denied recognition by our government. This denial has not been peremptory, but has found expression in the systematic ignoring of Senor Mata's pretensions and a studied avoidance of the subject in official circles. Discouraged by this peculiar treatment, which he has experienced during a term of four months, the representative of the Diaz government has decided to withdraw to his own country. We confess that the policy of the administration relative to Mexican affairs is to us a profound mystery. Why recognition should be refused the established and unquestioned government of our neighboring Republic, after its ability to enforce its authority, and its disposition to co-operate in the suppression of border raids have been demonstrated beyond cavil, is a question to which we should like to have a satisfactory answer.

Ex-President Grant and family reached Paris last week, and met with a hearty reception from the people and the public officials. A pleasant interview was had with President and Madame McMahon, and dinner taken with them on Thursday. Several banquets and entertainments in honor of Gen. Grant have been given, while many others are projected. Remaining in Paris until the end of this month, the ex-President and his family will visit Spain and Portugal, and thence embark for a voyage along the Southern Mediterranean coast, stopping at various points of interest. Some days will be spent in Egypt, after which Italy will be visited. Gen. Grant contemplates remaining abroad until December of next year.

The Duke de Montpensier, whose daughter the young King Alfonso is soon to marry, is very unpopular in Spain; and to obviate the ill feeling that might otherwise be caused among the people by the marriage, it has been arranged that the Duke will quit Spain immediately after the nuptials are celebrated. There's a model father-in-law! It isn't every man who would consent so amiably to being made a foot-ball of, to be kicked around to suit the convenience of his daughter's husband. But, of course, it isn't every man who has the opportunity of marrying his daughter to a crowned head.

To the aspiring youth in search of fame and fortune, the *Attakapas Register* tenders this piece of sage advice:

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CUBA.

Judging by recent news from Cuba, the revolution in that island must be near its close. The Spanish forces have achieved a number of successes recently, the most important of which was the capture of Don Tomas Estrada, President of the Cuban Republic, together with the Secretary of the insurgent Chamber of Representatives and several members of that body. These prisoners will be sent to Spain.

Closely following this capture, which must have had a depressing effect upon the revolutionists, comes a proclamation from the Spanish Captain-General, offering liberal inducements and fair treatment to all rebels who submit to the authority of Spain within four months. Confiscated property will be restored, claims for destruction or damage thereof considered, and indemnity for past political offenses assured.

Even those who sympathize most with the brave men who have maintained such a long and heroic struggle for independence, must now admit that the revolution seems to be upon its last legs.

We are in receipt of the daily *Electric Letter*, published at Monroe, La., the most unique production in the newspaper line that has ever come under our observation. The original copy is written with a newly patented pen, and from this others are struck off by a duplicating process known only to the initiated. It is claimed that 5000 copies can be taken from one written sheet by this process. Messrs. Coe & Singer are the enterprising projectors of this new feature in journalism and we shall watch the progress of their experiment with interest.

Worms and storms have damaged the cotton crop of Vermilion parish fifty per cent. Intelligence from the other cotton growing parishes is scarcely more cheering, and the anticipation of a profitable yield which was indulged early in the season has been wofully disappointed. Those planters who depended upon cotton to reward their year's labor, to the exclusion of corn and potatoes, will have a hard row to hoe.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL.—The publishers of this old and well-established magazine make an important announcement. The price is to be reduced from $3 to $2 a year for 1878. This journal has always been very popular with the people—much more so than its technical name would indicate—and this change should add immensely to its already wide circulation. The character of this magazine will be changed but little, and all prominent features which have tended to make the *Journal* popular in the past will be fully maintained, including the valuable *Science of Health* department. To more widely introduce the *Journal* at once, the publishers offer it on trial, the last three months of this year, for the small sum of 25 cents (which may be sent in postage stamps). This will include the November number, which contains, among other things, portraits and sketches of Geo. W. McCrary, Secretary of War, Brigham Young, and Louis Adolphe Thiers; the Oregon Salmon Fishery, illustrated, together with a large amount of editorial and miscellaneous matter of interest. Price of this number is 30 cents, or as above. Send for it and you will be entertained. The publishers also offer the last three months of this year free to new subscribers who send subscription price, $2, before December 1. Address S. R. Wells & Co., Publishers, 737 Broadway, New York.

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